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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The IRA Again

THERE is no obvious explanation for the sudden eruption of the Irish Republican Army movement which is manifesting itself in raids across the borders of Northern Ireland. But one may be that members of the IRA, who are essentially opportunists, have decided the events in Hungary are a sufficient excuse to try to arouse sympathy for their own cause.

The great stumbling block to the IRA's aspirations is that the movement no longer enjoys popular support. It is an outlawed army. Its aims have been repudiated by the majority of the people of Eire, and the resurgence of its activities has brought forth the condemnation of Mr. Costello, the Prime Minister, as well as a warning that the Eire government will take necessary measures to stop the recalcitrant Republicans from continuing their border raids.

The latest spurge of incidents is irritating rather than ominous. The IRA is in no position to create an all-out civil war. It has become discredited by its own failures in the past which have made recruitment increasingly difficult. The IRA, like the students who earlier this year carried out the raid on the National Gallery, represents what has been described as the fanatic fringe of Irish Republicanism. They can be tantalising, but never sufficiently effective to realise their aims.

There is one striking departure in the latest IRA incidents from previous "uprisings." Hitherto the IRA has, broadly speaking, attacked only the troops and equipment of what they describe as the alien army; now attention is also being directed at civil objectives. One reason for this, suggested by the Economist, is that there exists an independent IRA in Ulster itself which is not content to abide by the rules of the parent organisation. There are indications also that the IRA has become infuriated because the Catholic youth of Northern Ireland has shown interest in technical courses and jobs in new industries encouraged and subsidised by the Ulster Government. Admittedly these are poor excuses for the current outrages, but then it takes little to goad Irish extremists into giving vent to their spleen.

# ASSURANCE EXTRAORDINARY!

## Dulles Gives Moscow Free Hand To Deal With Satellite Trouble

### UP TO RUSSIA TO PREVENT ANTI-SOVIET HOSTILITY

by ROSS MARK

Washington, Dec. 18.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today gave the Soviet Union an extraordinary assurance that the United States would not aggravate Moscow's troubles in rebellious East Europe.

In his first full-scale press conference since his operation for stomach cancer six weeks ago, Mr. Dulles used replies to several varied questions to provide the Soviet Union with manoeuvring room for dealing with problems in Hungary, Poland and other fractious sections of East Europe.

United States officials acknowledged later that this was done deliberately as a contribution to easing world tensions.

The action was based on Washington's evaluation of East Europe as a percussion cap which could set off a general war should the Soviet Union be too heavily pushed at the moment.

#### 'Promise In Writing'

Mr. Dulles included these points in the course of his conference.

★ The United States did not want to supplant the Soviet Union as an ally of the East European states.

★ The United States did not want to see the Soviet Union ringed by hostile peoples and governments, but felt it was up to the Soviet Union to prevent this happening.

★ A comprehensive review of the West's defence posture in Europe might be undertaken if the Soviet allowed genuine independence in East Europe.

★ The United States did not want to resume the cold war.

★ The United States would be willing to give the Soviet Union a formal expression of these views and was open to suggestions on the European situation.

At the same time, Mr. Dulles reassured Nato members that the United States was maintaining its present military strength in Europe. The only modification under consideration in Washington was the "streamlining" of some units.

#### Still Powerful

In the first official public analysis of the impact of the revolt in Hungary and other East European stirrings on the strength of the Soviet Union, Mr. Dulles made it clear the Soviet Union was still regarded by the United States as a powerful adversary. (Cont'd on Page 8, Col. 7.)

## PM's Guarantee On US Bases

London, Dec. 18.

Sir Anthony Eden gave an assurance in the House of Commons today that military bases would continue to be available in Britain for American forces.

## Work To Begin On New Oil Pipeline

Paris, Dec. 18.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, told the National Assembly today that Israel will begin building a pipeline from the Gulf of Akaba to the Mediterranean within a few weeks.

The Radical ex-Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, asked: "With French participation?"

M. Pineau did not say anything in reply, but nodded. M. Mendes-France said: "I am happy at this confirmation."

The proposed pipeline will run 100 miles across Israel territory. It was reported from Tel-Aviv last month that a French firm had completed plans for the £30 million project. It would take about 18 months to complete and payment would be by long-term easy credit. — Reuters.

The Prime Minister, in a confident and cheerful mood, replied to questions from his own Conservative supporters on the controversy which has arisen among them over relations with America since the Suez crisis.

Sir Frank Maitland, Conservative, asked the Prime Minister for the assurance "in view of the importance of maintaining friendly relations with the United States—that the bases would continue to be available to America."

#### REBEL VIEWPOINT

He also asked for an assurance that the American forces here would have the amenities "and be treated with the courtesy due the representatives of a great ally."

To all these questions Sir Anthony Eden replied: "yes."

The other Conservative point of view was put by Lord Hinchinbrook, one of the Conservatives who "rebelled" against the Government's decision to withdraw from the Suez.

He suggested there would be no need for the United States strategic air arm to remain in Britain once Britain's own hydrogen bomb had been supplied to the Royal Air Force. Sir Anthony Eden did not reply to this. — Reuters.

## 'Loud Cheers' For Eden

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Dec. 18.

Sir Anthony Eden withstood a nerve-testing ordeal here tonight when he met his parliamentary supporters privately for the first time since his return from his Jamaican rest-cure.

Descriptions afterwards of the reception given the Prime Minister varied from "polite" to "not very enthusiastic" though it was widely agreed his speech reviewing the events of the Middle East crisis was well received. An official statement later said: "At the conclusion of the meeting he was loudly cheered."

#### No Fresh Trouble

Tonight's meeting apparently brought no fresh trouble from the right-wing "Suez stragglers" who two years ago opposed evacuation of the Canal Zone base, and who in the present crisis have demanded a strong line with Egypt's President Nasser.

According to usually well-informed sources, the Prime Minister reviewed the Middle East crisis, including its climax in the Anglo-French armed intervention in Egypt, and reiterated the government's claim that it was justified in its action. The sources added that the Prime Minister also claimed that the Cabinet was united throughout the crisis.

The meeting lasted 70 minutes. One point apparently made by the Prime Minister which aroused the interest of his audience was the possibility of alternative pipeline routes through Africa to bring oil from the Middle East.

There were conflicting views afterwards on the "form" of the Prime Minister before and since he enforced three weeks' rest from the effects of severe overstrain. Some of his supporters thought he now seemed 100 per cent his old self, but others claimed to discern continuing symptoms of nervousness.

#### Majority Support

Some sources, summing up afterwards, said it was clear he has the support of an indisputable majority of his adherents.

And the minority which shows signs of disaffection agrees with the rest that the will commands far more support in the Conservative Party throughout the country—as well as in Parliament—than any other government minister. — China Mail Special.

## Nehru Praises Ike

Washington, Dec. 18.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, said in a nation-wide television and radio speech tonight he had "greatly profited" by his talks with President Eisenhower this week.

He said in his prepared remarks that he would treasure the memory of these talks, which would help him in many ways in his thinking.

He described President Eisenhower as a man "whose humanity and whose distinguished and devoted services to the cause of people have won for him a unique place among the statesmen of the world."

#### Resist Tragedies

He said in recent crises the world had witnessed grievous transgressions of moral standards and that during this period of anxiety and distress "the United States has added greatly to its prestige by upholding worthily the principles of the United Nations."

Mr. Nehru said the Middle East and Hungarian crises had demonstrated that "the most powerful countries cannot revert to old colonial methods or impose their domination over weak countries."

"World opinion has shown that it can organise itself to resist such tragedies," he said. "Perhaps, as an outcome of these tragedies, freedom will be enlarged and will have a more assured basis." — Reuters.

## No Bases For Britain

Colombo, Dec. 18.

The Ceylon Prime Minister, Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, told the House of Representatives tonight he had no intention of granting any facilities to Britain at naval and air bases in Ceylon "at any time of hostilities." — Reuters.

## Two Children Killed

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Police said today two children were killed and seven others seriously injured when the roof of a roller skating stadium in Haboro, Hokkaido, collapsed under the weight of a heavy snowfall. Police said about 50 children were playing in the stadium at the time. — Reuters.

## EGYPT'S STRONG PROTEST

New York, Dec. 18.

Egypt today accused Britain and France of a "flagrant violation of the cease-fire" and of "bitter and provocative acts against the inhabitants of Port Said."

Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, made the charge in a memorandum to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld. He said in the 38 hours ended yesterday 30 people had been killed in Port Said and "a large number" of others injured. He said Arab quarters had been encircled by Anglo-French forces who carried out a house-to-house search.

Dr. Fawzi charged that "a large number of inhabitants" had been arrested, and private property and cars had been stolen as the forces withdrew.

#### Missing Officer

"The Government of Egypt holds the Governments of France and the United Kingdom responsible for all these acts which are in flagrant violation of the cease-fire and which must be forthwith put an end to," Dr. Fawzi said.

The memorandum also referred to "a claim that a British officer was missing" in Port Said. It recalled that the Egyptian Government had informed the United Nations Emergency Force Commander (Major-General E. L. M. Burns) that Port Said had been cut off from the rest of Egypt since the Anglo-French attack and that the Government had "at present no control over it."

Dr. Fawzi charged that Anglo-French forces were "continuing their arbitrary and provocative acts against the inhabitants of Port Said." — Reuters.

## Israel Quake

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 18.

A strong earthquake was felt in Israel tonight. — United Press.

## Easing Of Cyprus Emergency Powers

Nicosia, Dec. 18.

The Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding tonight announced the relaxation of certain emergency regulations.

"News of the relaxations was given in an official announcement which said that the Governor hoped they would create an atmosphere of better consideration of the constitutional proposals (submitted at the British Government's request by Lord Radcliffe, an eminent British jurist) due to be published within a day or two. The statement promised full reconsideration of the cases of all Cypriots detained under section 183 of the Emergency Regulations."

Twenty-five detainees will be released tomorrow, it was announced.

#### CANING LAW

With immediate effect a series of Emergency Regulations will be revoked including those under which collective punishments and fines were imposed. Among the revoked regulations is one providing for the caning of boys under 18 for certain offences.

The Governor also promised a modification of the recently promulgated regulation under which he could order the closing down of any newspaper without giving a reason.

The Governor's statement concluded: "The Governor wishes to make it clear his determination to proceed with all possible vigour in operations against the terrorists remains unchanged." — Reuters.

## Hungary Working

Budapest, Dec. 18.

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## FRENCH LEAVE PORT FUAD

Paris, Dec. 18.

The major part of the French contingent in Egypt left Port Fuad today. The sector occupied by the French forces remains under guard of the remaining French units who will leave only with the departure of the last Allied detachments in the Suez Canal zone.

Four ships, including the "Festour" took aboard the French troops as well as 260 civilian refugees.

Since the exchange of prisoners could not be effected through the intermediary of the United Nations Commander, General E. L. M. Burns, 127 Egyptian prisoners, including seven officers, left with the French troops.

The Port Fuad sector remained calm during the last few days, although in Port Said, on the other side of the canal, British forces and United Nations

international troops were constantly attacked by Egyptian snipers.

Since the little fishing port of Karbout, on Lake Manzalah, was turned over to the UN forces, the sector occupied by the British is now reduced to the limits of the port area and a few neighbouring streets.

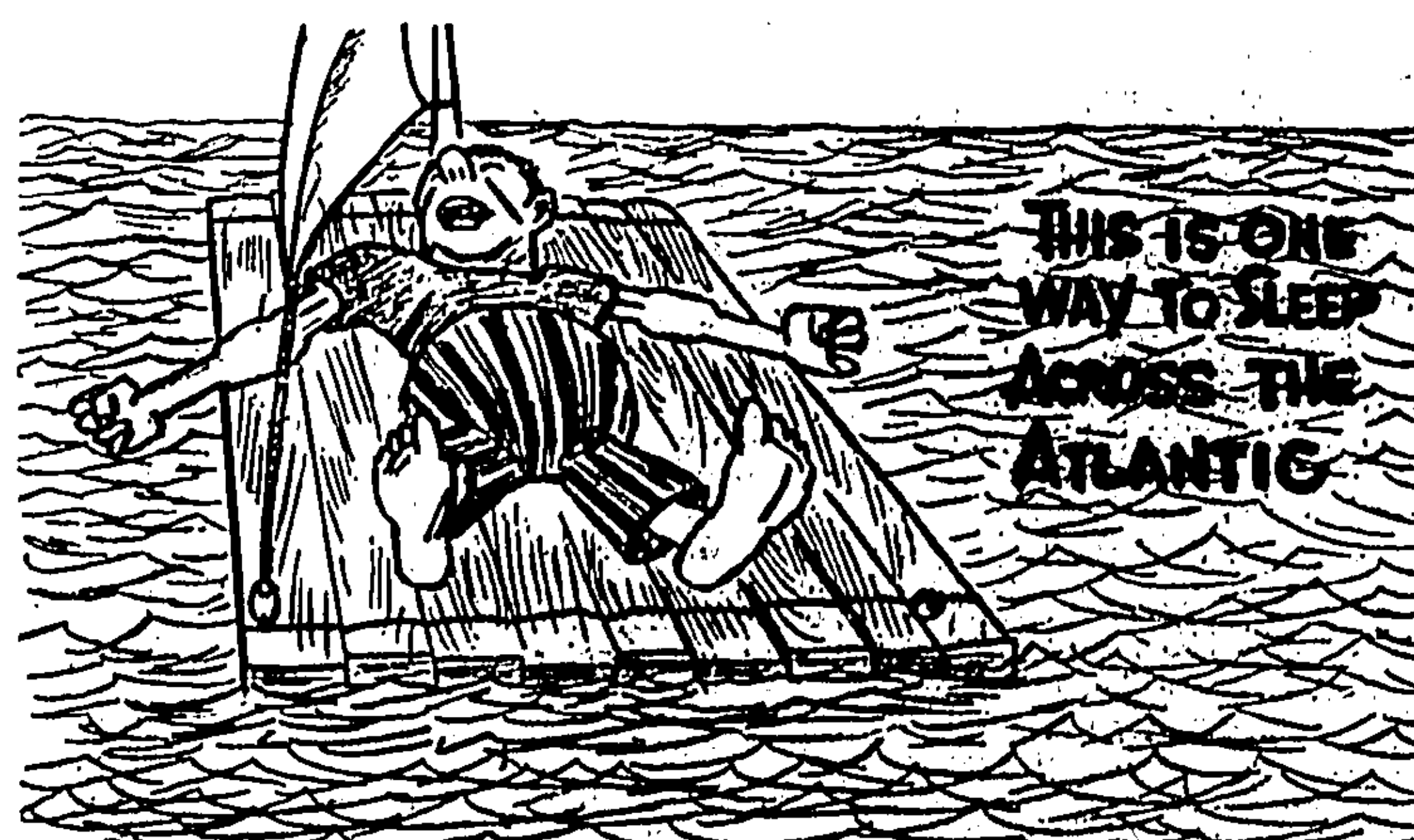
A group of 350 Egyptian police were admitted to the Arab town of Port Said this morning, on the orders of the Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force. Tomorrow, 350 more police will arrive there. — France-Press.

## UN Salvage Fleet Ready

New York, Dec. 18.

A United Nations fleet of salvage ships with 800 divers and technicians is ready to move into action in the Suez Canal within 24 hours of the final Anglo-French withdrawal. It was learned tonight.

But the question whether any British Admiralty-chartered vessels would be used was still open, informed sources at the United Nations said. — Reuters.



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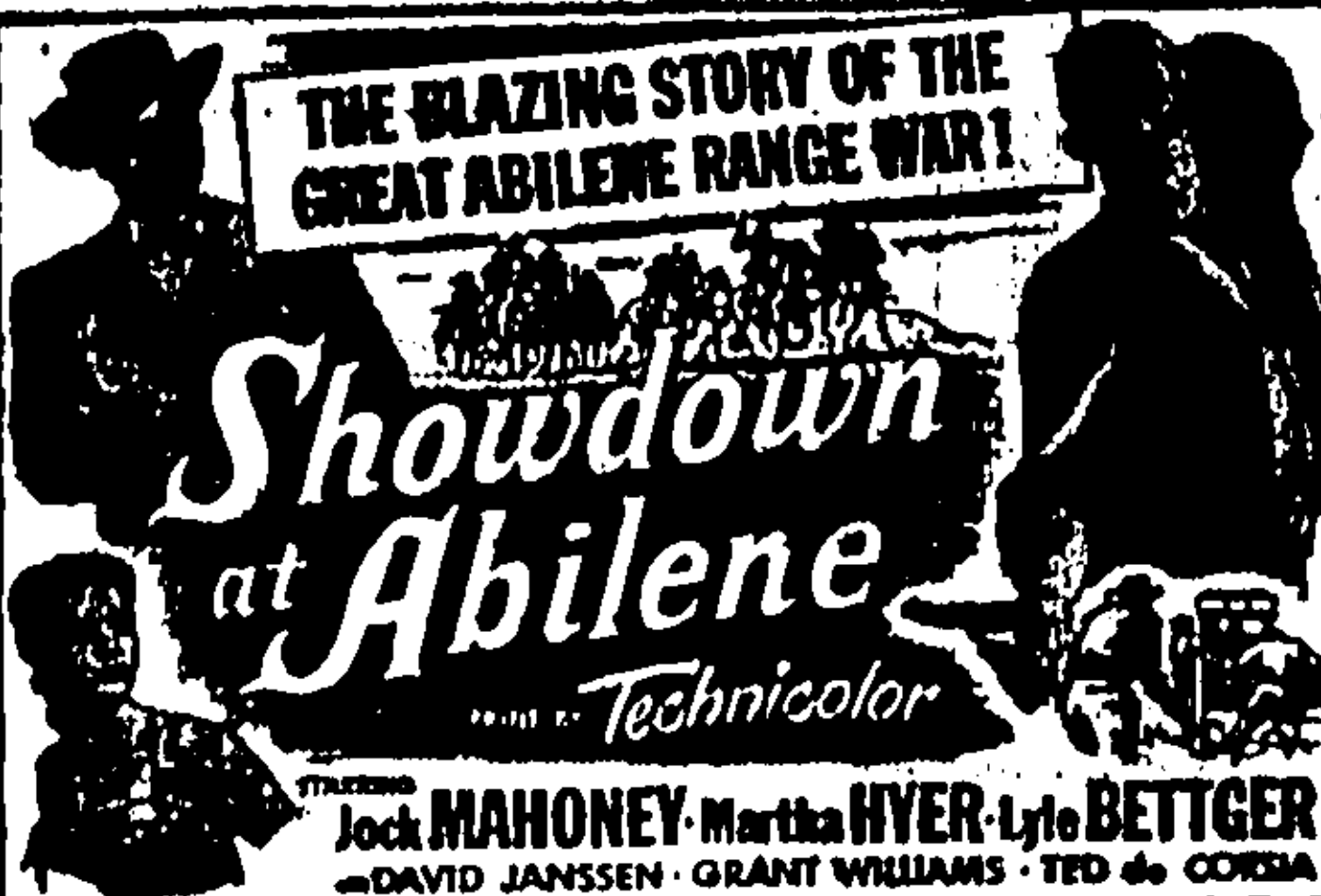
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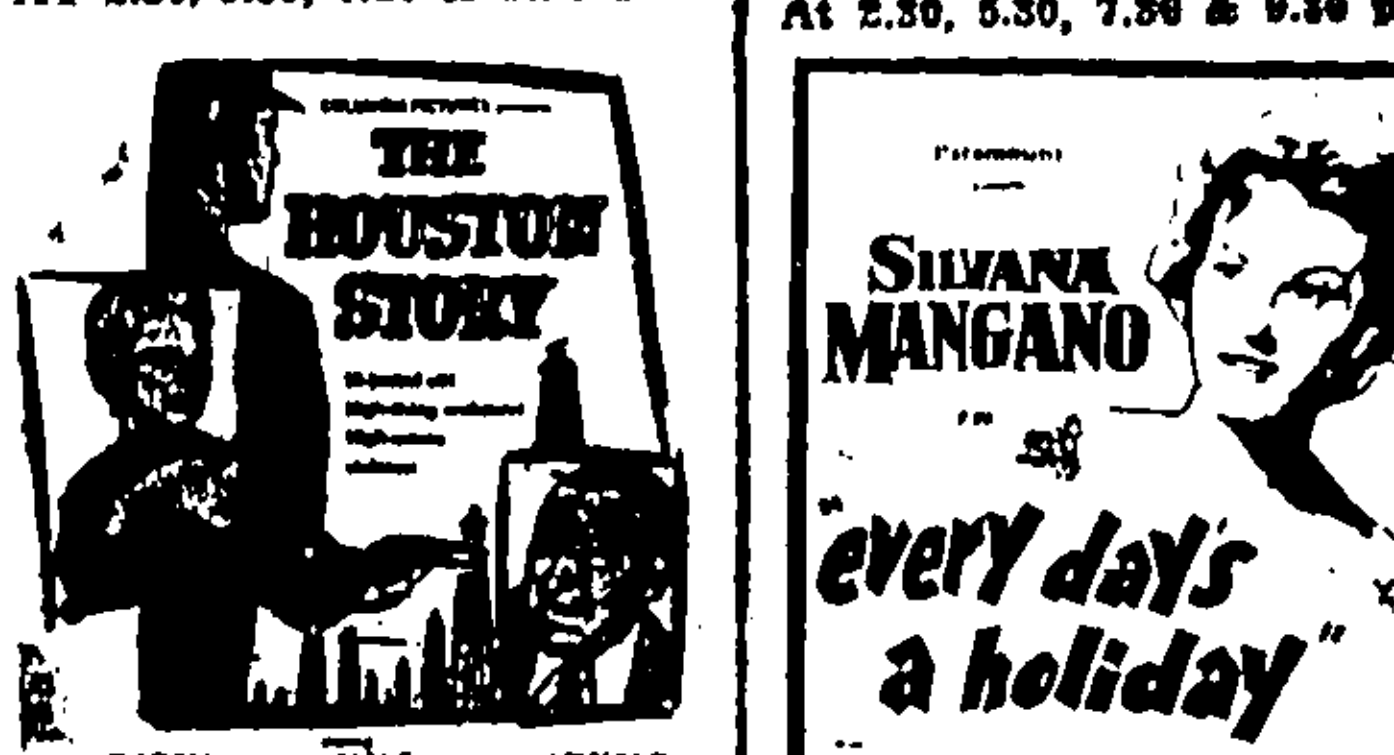
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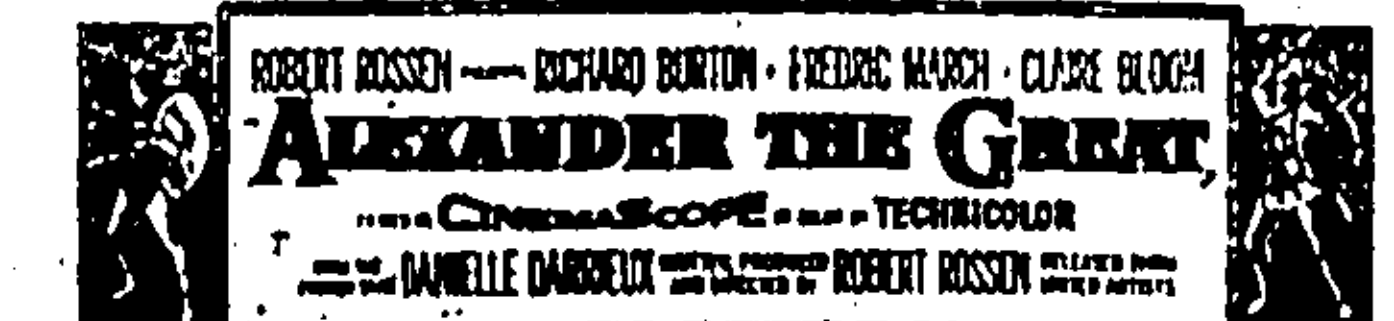
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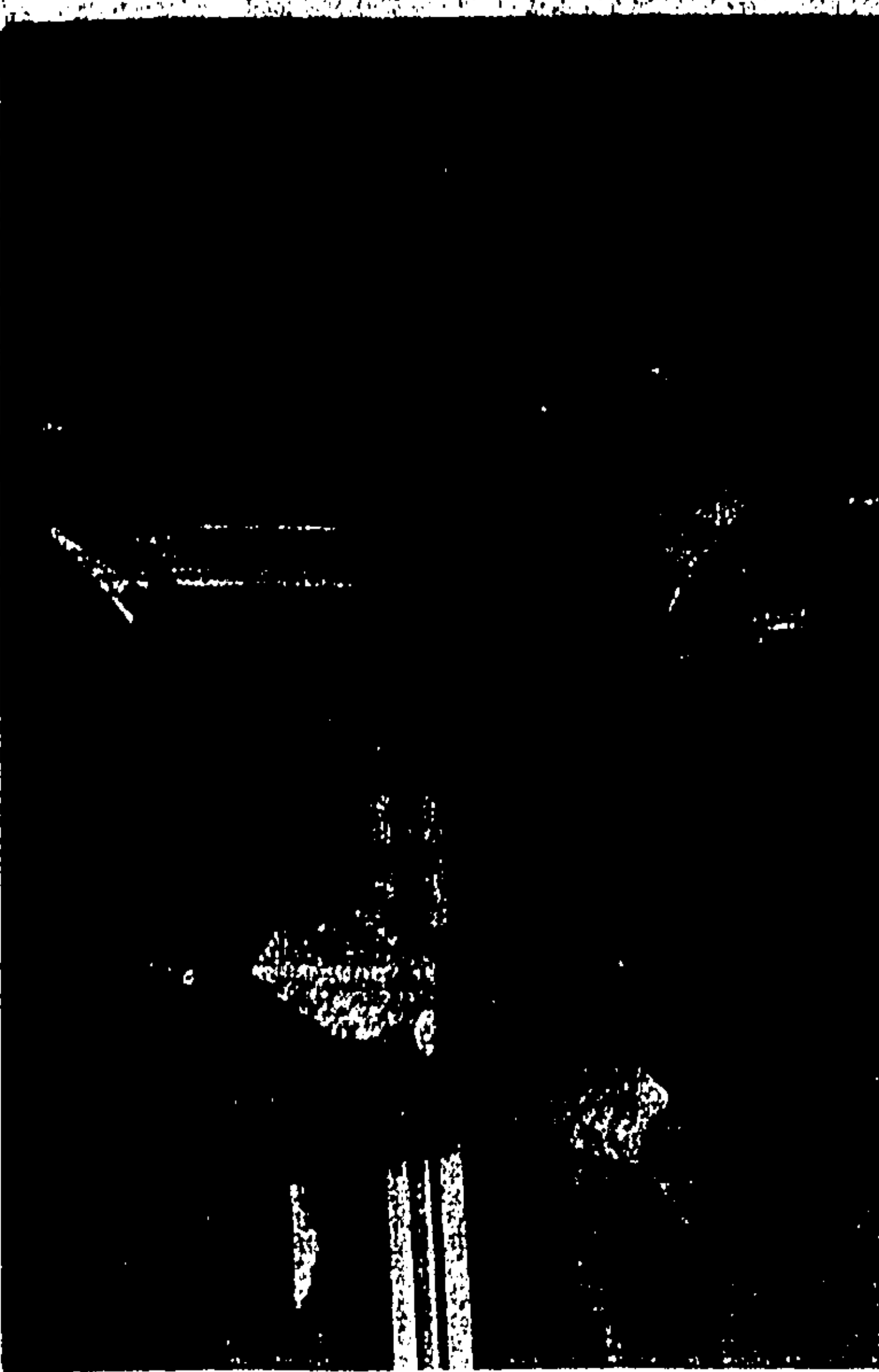


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## MINISTER VISITS SHAPE



British Minister of Defence Anthony Head, left, is greeted by General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, on his arrival at SHAPE headquarters in Paris last Thursday. — Express Photo.

## Japan's Stature Will Increase

Washington, Dec. 18.

United States officials said today they expected Japan's stature in world affairs to increase substantially as a result of its membership in the United Nations.

United Nations General Assembly approval of Japan's admission was warmly welcomed in the State Department by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary, and personally by many officials who had served in the Embassy in Japan. Experts on Japanese affairs said that Japan's standing would be enhanced in Asia, Europe and the whole Western Hemisphere.

### Threats To Peace

Already active in such international matters as world commerce, peaceful application of the atom, Japan was now expected to carry far more weight in the solution of the world's political problems.

In New York Mr. Shigemitsu told a press conference "this is a great day for Japan. I am very happy."

He reiterated what he had said in his Assembly speech that problems in Asia should be settled responsibly by the nations in the area.

Mr. Shigemitsu said he had in mind nations like Thailand, "China in Taiwan (Formosa)", India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma, Cambodia, Laos and others outside the United Nations such as Korea and Vietnam.

Asked to list the "potential threats to the peace" in Asia he had mentioned in his speech, he said he had had in mind the Formosa Straits, North and South Vietnam and North and South Korea.

"If we stick purely to the ideological issues, it would be difficult to solve the difficult problems of the area," Mr. Shigemitsu added. — Reuter.

# COMMONWEALTH BEHIND BRITAIN ON SUEZ POLICY

—Emanuel Shinwell

San Francisco, Dec. 18.

Emanuel Shinwell, former British Labour Government Minister of Defence, said today Commonwealth nations were "one hundred per cent" behind Britain's Suez policy.

Shinwell on his way home after attending a meeting of Commonwealth Parliament Association in Australia representing Parliaments of the Commonwealth nations.

The 72-year-old Labour Party leader told a news conference at the British Consulate here that Commonwealth leaders were "disturbed" by the failure of the United Nations and the United States to back up the British-French action against Egypt.

### Back With Strength

"Moral force is all right, but sometimes you have to back it with strength," he said. "The action of the United Kingdom and France had the effect of galvanising the United Nations into some semblance of action, and it was about time."

Shinwell himself said he had condemned the past British policy "of trusting the Arab states."

"But in the absence of any effective action by the United Nations against Nasser's seizure of Suez, it seems to me the decision to go in was justified." He added that "firm action" was needed by the UN to preserve the shaky peace in the Middle East and avert a "catastrophe."

He said the "past is dead." Mistakes have been made. But we must look to the future. He urged that the UN stop "shilly-shallying" in the Middle East.

### Quite Clear

"The United Nations backed by its powerful members must make it quite clear to Nasser that the occasion might arise where it might need to make use of power," he said. "It would not work, it must be ready to use strength." — United Press.

## 1,000 Bombers Fly Non-Stop Missions

Denver, Dec. 18. General Nathan Twining, Chief of Staff of the American Air Force, said today that during the last two weeks, more than a thousand B-45 medium jet bombers had flown non-stop missions of an average of 8,000 miles each by re-fueling in mid-flight.

Speaking to air cadets, the General said this was the first time the American Strategic Air Force had carried out such an extensive testing of its operational capacities in such a short time.

The B-45 has a top speed of more than 600 miles an hour and its normal range is 3,000 miles. — France-Press.

## Rebels Ambush French Patrol

Algiers, Dec. 18. Three French soldiers were killed and four were wounded today when Algerian rebels ambushed a French patrol at Douar Mokra, some 12 miles east of Algiers. The French forces killed one rebel and wounded several others.

Ten Algerian rebels made their way early this morning into the Blida gaoi and released a recently arrested rebel. The rebels were aided by a Moslem guard, who opened the door to them. The Moslem guard was shot dead by the French police attempting to foil the gaoi break, but the 10 rebels and the prisoner managed to escape. — France-Press.



MR SHINWELL

## Mass Wedding Of Refugees In Germany

Bonn, Dec. 18.

Eight Hungarian couples put off their wedding day today so another four bridal pairs could join them at the altar.

The original eight couples were to have been married today in the Hungarian refugee camp at Gelnhausen. But Cupid was working so quickly, even in the harsh surroundings of the barracks-like exile camps, that four more Hungarian couples asked to be included in the ceremony. The new date is now tentatively set for Thursday morning.

German department stores in nearby Frankfurt are outfitting the brides while American wives from US Army units here are acting as Matrons of Honour.

And the wedding cakes come from a US Army bakery. — United Press.

## Lamasery At Katmandu

Katmandu, Dec. 18. The Dalai Lama has ordered the building of a monastery near Katmandu, large enough to lodge a hundred lamas, within the next six months, the Dalai Lama's personal representative, Lama Guru Deva, announced today.

The Dalai Lama has sent funds for the construction of the lamasery.

In addition, Lama Karmapa, who holds the highest rank in the order of Lamas, also ordered a monastery to be built at Katmandu, during a recent trip, to house 25 Lamas and their servants.

Furthermore it was learned here that a number of Tibetan monks, now visiting Katmandu on a pilgrimage, are trying to buy property in or near Katmandu. — France-Press.

# Backwardness A Danger To Africa & Asia

Rangoon, Dec. 18.

The Chinese Prime Minister, Chou En-lai, who is here on an official visit told Burmese university students today that economic and cultural backwardness had endangered the independence of Asian and African countries.

Mr Chou who was making a speech at Rangoon University frequently stressed the need for Asian and African nations to maintain their unity in the face of what he called "colonist aggression."

The Asian-African countries, Mr Chou said, should work to remove economic and cultural backwardness.

Mr Chou said "an overwhelming majority of the Asian-African countries, including China and Burma are relatively backward economically and culturally. It was by exploiting and intensifying our backwardness that the colonialists were able to bully, oppress and commit aggression against us in the past."

### All-Out Efforts

"It is precisely for this reason that the Chinese people having completed their national liberation have set on the building up of their fatherland and industrialisation as the aim to be achieved with all-out efforts."

Mr Chou said it was impossible for a country to defend its independence and to achieve its industrialisation without specialists in various branches of learning.

"And our present situation is that we are very much in want of such intellectuals," he said.

Speaking of China's need for trained men Mr Chou said there are now over 380,000 students in Chinese institutions for higher learning. In the past seven years over 800,000 had been trained.

### Trained Personnel

"However, trained personnel for our construction work are still far from enough," Mr Chou said.

Burma and China shared the common desire to maintain world peace and to promote international friendship. Both countries placed high hopes on their youth. — Reuter.

## PI Medal For Korean

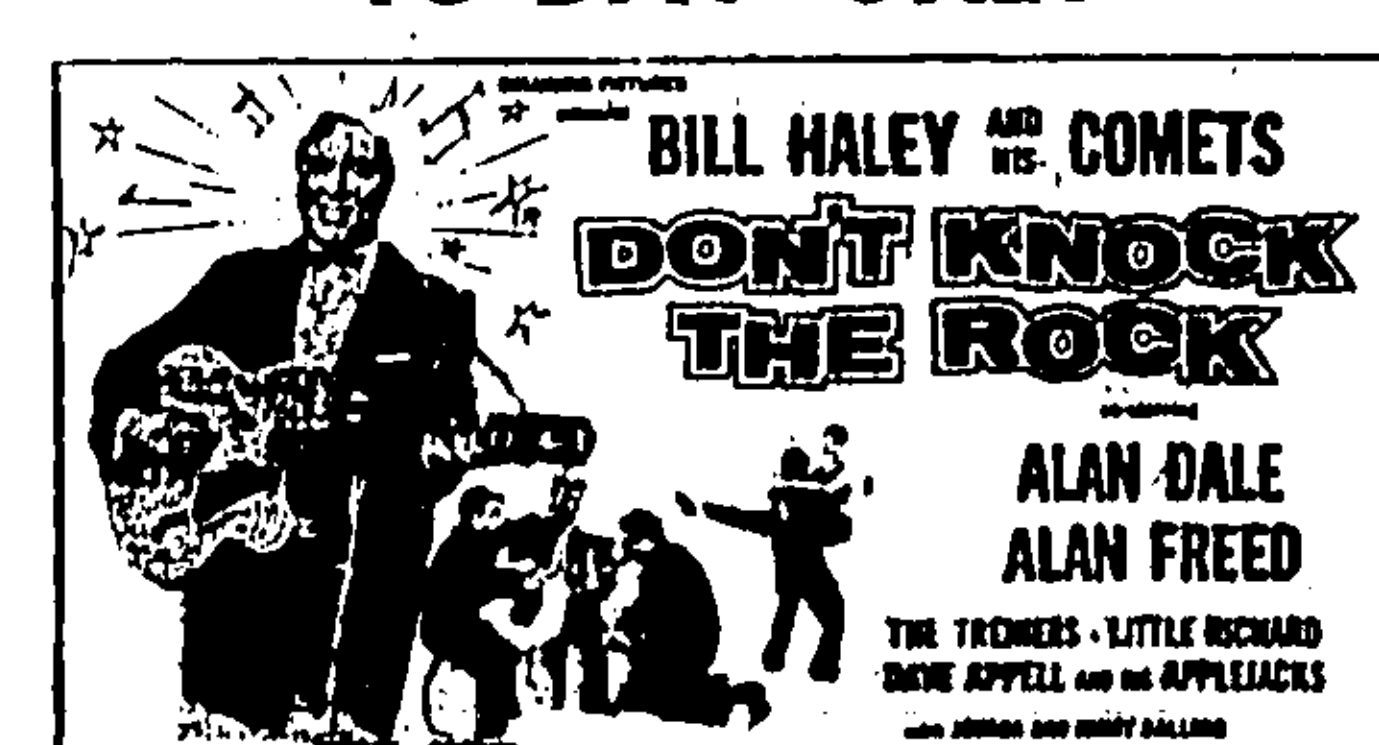
Manila, Dec. 18.

General Chung I. Kwon, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Republic of Korea, was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honour (degree of commander) for his "great concern for the Filipino expeditionary forces to Korea during the Korean War."

Lieutenant General Jesus Vargas, the Philippines Chief of Staff, awarded the medal to the Korean General during a parade and review given in honour of the visiting official. — Reuter.

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# Collective Security Needed In Middle East

## ONLY WAY TO ENSURE PEACE

Karachi, Dec. 18. Pakistan's Premier, Hussein Suhrawardy, said today that the only way to ensure peace in the Middle East was through collective security.

## GRADUATES RETURN TO CHINA

Paris, Dec. 18. Four more post-graduates returned to Canton from the United States via Hongkong on Saturday, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

The United States immigration office had tried to prevent them from leaving the United States for home, they said on their arrival in Canton, the agency reported.

Their first impression upon returning to their motherland, they said, was that all the way from Shumchun to Canton, they were warmly received.

The four graduates were: Dr. Kuo Lien-pai (Physics), Dr. Han Chik-kung (Chemistry), Dr. Li Cheng-li (Botany) and his wife Dr. Shen Shu-chin, MD (Pediatrics), the agency added.—France-Press.

## Leaflet Raid

Taipei, Dec. 18. Several waves of Nationalist Chinese planes flew over China today and dropped several million leaflets, the Nationalist Air Force headquarters said tonight. The mission covered the five coastal provinces and all the planes returned safely this morning, the statement said.—France-Press.

## Nixon Dines Nehru

Washington, Dec. 18. United States Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon gave a luncheon today in honour of the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his daughter, Indira Gandhi.

After the luncheon, Mr. Nixon was due to fly from Washington to Vienna. It was not known whether Mr. Nehru would have another meeting with President Eisenhower during the afternoon at the White House.

Mr. Nehru and his daughter were due to attend a reception given in the evening by the Indian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. G. L. Mehta, before going on to a dinner given in their honour by the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at the headquarters of the Pan-American Union.

The Indian Premier's day was due to end with a radio and television speech to the American people.—France-Press.

## Influenza Inoculation In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 18. Tokyo Metropolitan Government was today preparing preventive inoculations for 30,000 school children and 200,000 children under school age against an influenza epidemic still rampant in Tokyo and Central Japan.

The vaccine was a mixture of A and B types and will be injected under the skin.

No harmful after effects were expected. Twelve more schools closed today bringing the total number of the schools closed to 20.

## 60,000 ABSENT

About 60,000 school children were absent from school.

The Welfare Ministry instructed all prefectural governments to take effective measures to stop further spreading of the epidemic.

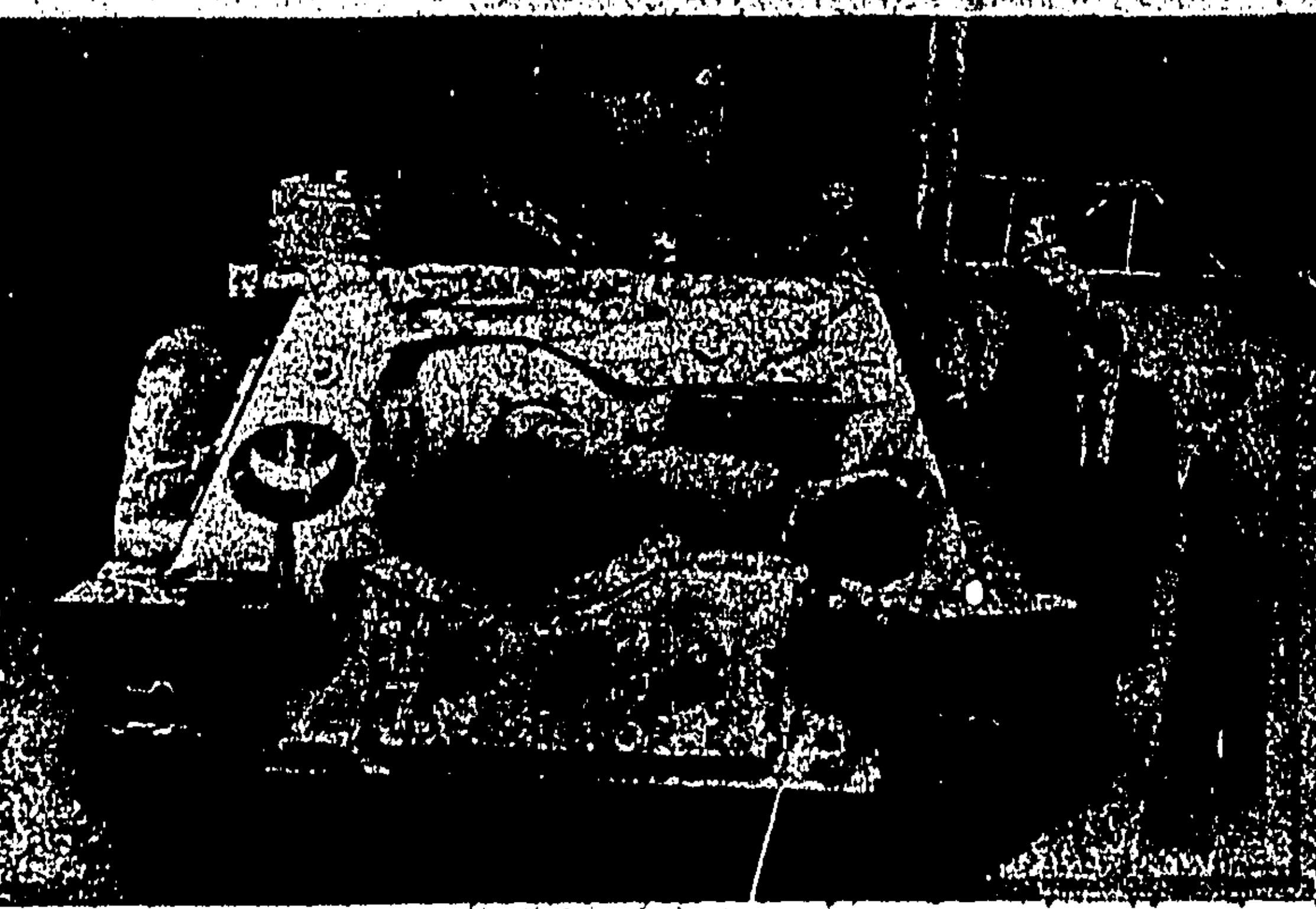
In a previous epidemic of influenza in 1953 the death toll mounted to 2,600 out of 80,000 patients.—Reuter.

## Support For Bigger Security Council

New York, Dec. 18. Two Commonwealth members of the United Nations, Australia and Canada, today strongly supported the proposal to expand the 11-nation Security Council by adding two non-permanent seats.

Sir Percy Spender of Australia and Mr. Roche Pinard of Canada both stressed to the General Assembly the need to give Asia and Western Europe more adequate representation on the Council by giving the two additional seats to those areas.

The Assembly has before it a resolution from 19 Latin-American countries and Spain calling for the enlargement of the Council. The Soviet Union said yesterday it would not accept any changes unless China was admitted to the world organization.—Reuter.



This Russian Su 100 self-propelled gun, Czech-built to Russian design and captured from the Egyptians by British forces in the Suez zone, is on display at the British Army Vehicle Depot in Feltham, Middlesex.—Express Photo.

## IRA FLOUTING GOVERNMENT Premier's Charge

Dublin, Dec. 18. Mr. John Costello, Prime Minister of the Republic, declared tonight that the Irish Republican Army had flouted the authority of Parliament and government.

He said this in a letter to Mr. John McQuillan, an independent member of the Dail (Parliament).

Mr. Costello was replying to a telegram from Mr. McQuillan urging him to discontinue the use of troops only police as instruments of British policy in helping to maintain partition.

In his letter, Mr. Costello said Mr. McQuillan had completely misconceived the Government's position and his assessment of partition and the recent incidents was diametrically opposed to that of the Government.

## Unlawful Use

The Prime Minister wrote: "The organisation which is responsible for the unlawful use of armed force has arrogated to itself the determination of policy as to the means that should be adopted to bring partition to an end and has defied the authority of the Dail to withhold its assent to the engagement in war."

"The activities of that organisation contravene the constitutional position which vests in Parliament alone the right to raise and maintain armed forces and are contrary not only to the principles of democracy but to the moral law as well."

"The authority of Parliament and the Government has been flouted."

"The military and police forces are not being used as instruments of British policy in helping to maintain partition but for the far different purpose of safeguarding the institutions of the State and preventing the usurpation of the people's right to decide questions of national policy."

No real solution of partition could be found by force, Mr. Costello said. Force could only deepen the division of feeling between North and South.

## Create Bitterness

The use of force would create bitterness and resentment, would poison the national life and would delay, and not advance, the day of national reunion.

The Prime Minister added: "I trust that you will appreciate the magnitude of the evil that could ensue if any elected representative of the people were to lend his support to activities based on defiance of the democratic institutions of the State."—China Mail Special.

## Captured Equipment



This Russian Su 100 self-propelled gun, Czech-built to Russian design and captured from the Egyptians by British forces in the Suez zone, is on display at the British Army Vehicle Depot in Feltham, Middlesex.—Express Photo.

## Britain Still Paying Jordan

London, Dec. 18. Lord Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, confirmed today in the House of Lords that nothing has changed regarding the annual British subsidy to Jordan of more than £10,000,000.

Lord Reading recalled that the Jordan Government has not unilaterally denounced the Anglo-Jordanian treaty. The Jordan Government, however, has requested the opening of negotiations for the abrogation of the treaty. Awaiting this, Britain still considered herself bound by her obligations, Lord Reading said.

One million pounds have already been paid out of the £1,000,000 scheduled for the maintenance of the Jordan Arab Legion. The amount of the subsidy for defence for the present year has not yet been determined, but Britain nevertheless has made monthly payments based on the £9,108,000 allocated last year, Lord Reading said.—France-Press.

## Russia Still Supplying Arms To Egypt

Tel Aviv, Dec. 18. The Soviet Union is continuing to deliver arms to Egypt, authoritative Israeli sources said today.

The sources were commenting on "violations" of United Nations resolutions on the Middle East, including the one calling for an end of arms deliveries to belligerents, and another banning the incursions of foreigners (death commandos) across the Israeli border. The sources considered that United Nations international police forces should remain in the Sinai desert until Egypt and Israel have reached a permanent peace settlement.—France-Press.

## Rakosi Accused Of Imprisoning Innocent People

Budapest, Dec. 18. The official Hungarian Communist newspaper Nepszabadsag today accused the party's former leader, Matyas Rakosi, of joint responsibility for the imprisonment of thousands of innocent people in the past.

The newspaper said that Rakosi took over personal supervision of the former State security police (AVH) and a "leading stratum" was developed which carried out most sinister orders without hesitation.

The newspaper said that a special department of the AVH was set up under Vladimir Farkas and one of its first "criminal actions" was the preparations for the trial of László Rajik, former Hungarian Foreign Minister, expected for "Titoist" treason in 1949.

The newspaper said that rehabilitation trials revealed that cross-examination in the Rajik trial were conducted personally by Miklós Farkas—the interior minister and the father of Vladimir—and Gábor Peter (former police chief subsequently executed) under the directives of Rakosi.

"Only a few dozen people knew the secret of evidence given following horrible tortures," the newspaper said. It added that Rakosi and AVH leaders also shared great responsibility for using the State security apparatus to persecute Communists instead of annihilating the real enemy.

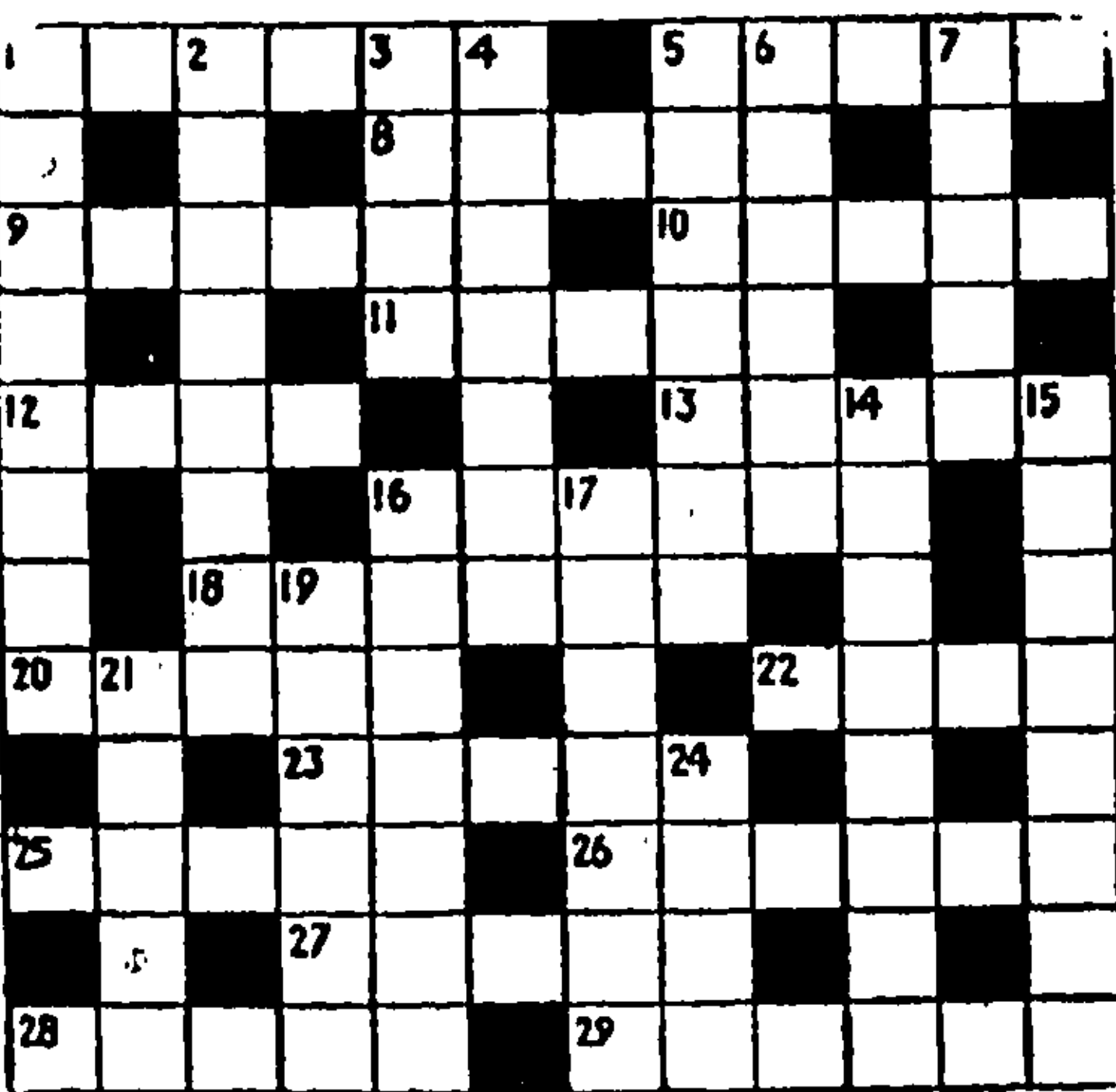
The newspaper added: "It is evident now that counter-revolutionary forces carried on large scale organisation work before October 23 (when the Hungarian rising broke out). Did the AVH know about it?" the newspaper asked.

## General Hatred

It said that several hundreds of AVH men had committed crimes and the counter-revolution had exploited this to stir up general hatred during the rising.

While people should know who were responsible for past crimes, they should be no persecutions of anyone, but this could not mean amnesty for anyone, the newspaper said.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Alfresco meal (6).
  - 2 Urge (5).
  - 3 Small fishing-boat (5).
  - 4 Diminish (6).
  - 5 Ward off (6).
  - 6 Weight (5).
  - 7 Black (4).
  - 8 Commonwealth (5).
  - 9 Value highly (6).
  - 10 Delighted (6).
  - 11 Ventures (6).
  - 12 In time, you'll tumble to this one (4).
  - 13 Curses (5).
  - 14 Divert (5).
  - 15 Upstart (6).
  - 16 Command (5).
  - 17 Severe (6).
  - 18 Protect (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Purlione (8).
  - 2 One who never inclines to the Left (8).
  - 3 Fizzes (4).
  - 4 Fight (7).
  - 5 Put in the ground (7).
  - 6 Venerate (6).
  - 7 Walk pompously (5).
  - 8 Not ripe (6).
  - 9 Rivalled (8).
  - 10 Oriental (7).
  - 11 Enticed (7).
  - 12 Landlord (6).
  - 13 Own up (6).
  - 14 Certain (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Dollar, 5 Reads, 8 Vice, 9 Priest, 11 Vista, 12 Deride, 14 Brag, 15 Satan, 18 Cross, 19 Less, 20 Unused, 24 Swarm, 25 Direct, 26 Ever, 27 Dined, 28 Defray. Down: 1 Dupe, 2 Laid, 3 Avar, 4 Riding, 5 Reverse, 6 Assist, 7 Stamina, 10 Seers, 13 Accused, 14 Bargain, 15 Assumed, 17 Asteg, 19 Lauded, 21 Sire, 22 Dear, 23 Stay.

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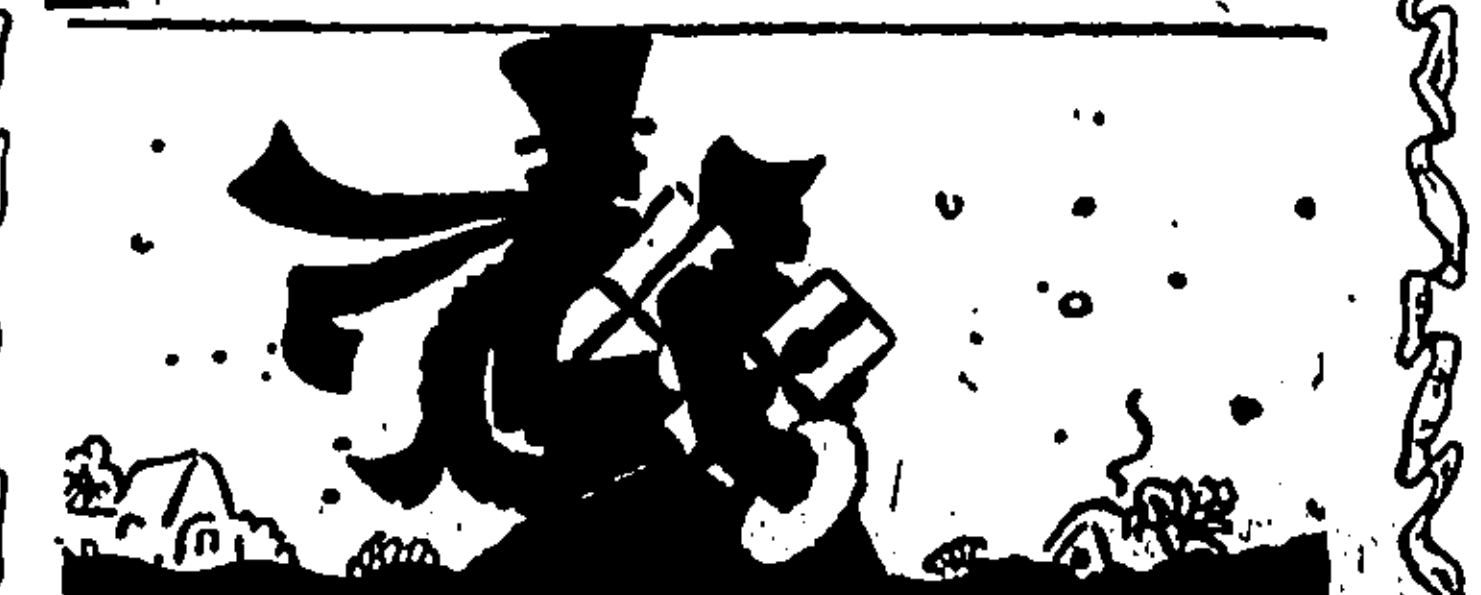
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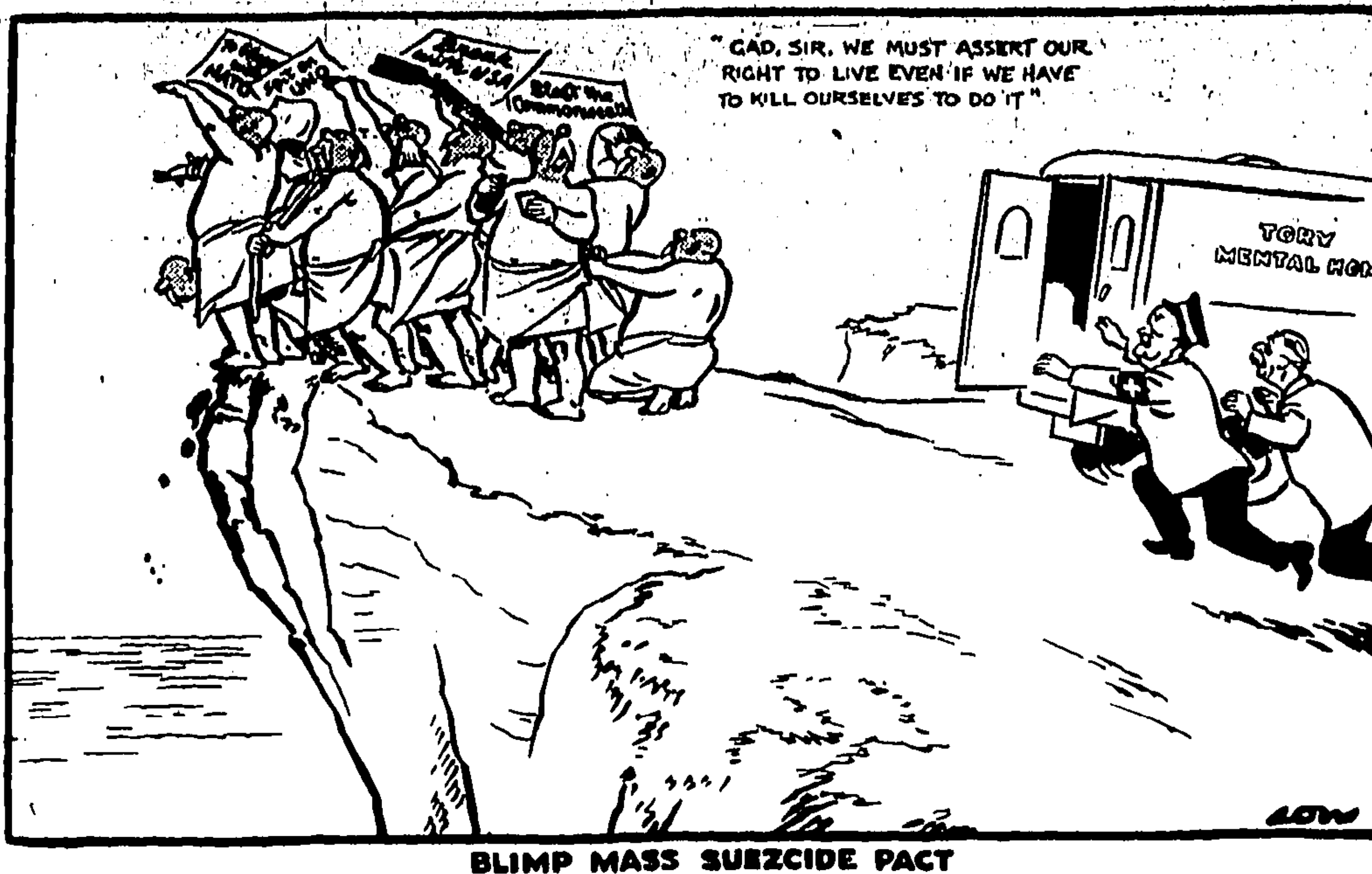
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## IF IT ISN'T MERRIE ENGLAND, IT ISN'T HAPPY AMERICA, EITHER

THE VIEW FROM NEW YORK OF  
BRITAIN'S PULL-OUT OF SUEZ

THESE are long sighs of relief in America now that the British and French will withdraw their troops from Egypt. There is also a sense of uneasiness.

I was at a party given by Cecil Beaton. Among the guests were several prominent Americans, including Sir Anthony Eden's host, John Barry Ryan Junior, who lent the Prime Minister his Newport house three years ago after the Boston operation.

One American woman, who had just flown back from Paris, said: "I cannot get out of my head the feeling that the United States has let Britain and France down badly."

Another American handed me a clipping from the New York Herald Tribune of a letter signed by David Guthrie.

The letter said: "Ever since General Eisenhower was elected President in 1952, I have been trying to understand the foreign policy of his Administration. At long last the fog has cleared and I'm enabled to see it in its full glory."

### The truth

"It has been to send his henchman Dulles scurrying about the globe with a bag of gold in one hand, to placate Freedom's enemies (Nasser and company), and a bludgeon in the other, with which to hit Freedom's friends (Great Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand) over the head."

"The first part of this policy has been an abysmal failure. The second has been sadly and singularly effective."

"I may add that I voted the straight Republican ticket in 1952, 1954, and 1956."

The truth is that although the State Department has triumphed and had its way and will with Britain and France, many Americans are not happy about the humiliation imposed upon us. Several people have said to me: "This is not the way to treat old friends."

Others are surprised to learn that the United States intends to charge us for the oil it is sending.

Today a State Department official told me, almost airily, "Sir Anthony Eden has squandered his personal credit with President Eisenhower." He went on to suggest that the American Administration would be happier to do business with a newly-constituted Conservative Government in London.

Mr Dulles himself is looking extraordinarily fit after a major operation. If he is aware of the criticism, distrust, and hostility toward him he is not showing it.

He has the President's entire confidence, as has been demonstrated over and over again.

It is obvious that a sweeping review of American policy took place between Eisenhower and Dulles at the Georgia cottage.

The United States is now embarked on a course to win friends and influence people in the Middle East and Asia.

### Prestige

Remember Vice-President Nixon's statement on November 2: "In the past, the nations of Asia and Africa have always felt that we would whenever the pressure was on, side with the policies of the British and French Governments in relation to the once colonial areas."

Now Washington believes that Asia and Africa are convinced that the United States will no longer automatically side with the British and French whatever the pressure.

The American public is being told that American prestige is

immense among the Asians and Africans, and of course, the Arabs as a result of its action in compelling Britain and France to withdraw their troops from Egypt and by publicly censuring them in the United Nations.

My information is that we can expect American action soon to achieve a settlement in the Middle East.

### Uneasy

Outwardly it would be through the United Nations, as the Eisenhower emphasis is now on the peace organisation; but the heart of the matter will be unilateral and stamped U.S.A.

The friendly and generous American people are clearly uneasy about the new look in American policy.

Newspapers here are flooded with articles and letters from influential Americans who are not hesitating to rebuke their own country, and to urge statesmanship in the White House and State Department.

The lawyer Lawrence Hunt wrote: "Suppose, to be fair, and we Americans want to be fair, suppose that America was in the same supreme danger. And suppose our life-line, which had long been under our control and under international supervision, was seized by a Middle Eastern despot armed and supported by Russia."

"And suppose Britain, somehow (not really imaginable under those circumstances), had persuaded us not to use force but to resort to an economic boycott in which they would, of course, help. And then they didn't."

### 'To weep'

"And suppose Britain kept on renegeing and even delayed us in taking the matter to the United Nations. And then suppose Britain actually resumed economic aid to Colonel Nasser, the Russian-armed despot whose hands were close to our throat."

"And suppose we had then moved our own troops into the area to prevent a small conflict becoming a big war and to restore the canal to international control with the hope of weakening Russia's little despot and of keeping Russia away."

"And then, to cap everything, suppose Britain had moved with blithering two resolutions of censure in the U.N. against us. Just what do you suppose we would have done?"

I have the strong impression that millions of Americans are disappointed with the Eisenhower performance since the election.

Things have not turned out as forecast. There was to be peace but instead there is an atmosphere of war.

The stock market was to go up but it has gone down; business was to boom, but it is flagging; the whole nation was to be exultant at the President's triumph, but instead it is jittery, racked with tension, and stricken with a sense of guilt at what it has done or failed to do for Britain and France.

It may not be merry England over there but it is unhappy America here.

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In addition, Mme Alphand has received 21,000 from the French Foreign Office as an "installa-

## NATHANIEL GUMMINS

ACCORDING to a BBC broadcast I heard recently the Australian aborigine calls the white man "Mr Worry."

Shrewd observations of this kind usually come from children and simple men. To the aborigine, living for the day and not caring about the morrow, the white man must seem a pitiful creature.

He sees him worrying about the past, the present, the future, this life and the next. He also sees Mrs Worry worrying about things overlooked by Mr Worry and Mr Worry worrying Mrs Worry about things he might have kept to himself.

At the moment you might have thought the white man in this part of the world had enough big problems on his mind without searching for smaller ones to make his life more difficult.

That's where you're wrong. For many days readers of The Times have been engaged in a polite quarrel about the origin of the costume worn by Father Christmas.

Some said it came from Scandinavia; others argued in favour of the Balkans, and one, almost apologetically, suggested Russia. At this an outraged reader, even more anti-Communist than most of us, said that, anyway, Santa Claus was of American origin. As I have always contended that Christmas is a racket, I can only worry sentimentalists with the suggestion that this wicked old man should abandon his false beard and silly dressing-gown and sail under his true colours dressed as a pirate.

### Worry, worry, worry

THEN there is a simple-minded Mrs Worry, who wrote to the Archers for her Christmas turkey.

Before she received a letter from the BBC explaining that those agricultural characters are fictitious, her main Christmas problem was solved.

The Archers were honest farming folk who wouldn't let her down. They would send her the finest turkey in the country at a reasonable price.

Now, disillusioned, she is going to worry herself sick until December 24 going from shop to shop pinching and prodding turkeys and trying to believe the liars who say they all came from Norfolk.

The Archers are also the Gallup Poll pests worrying citizens for their opinions about the crisis. Official citizens are also bothering other citizens to buy

Christmas draw tickets which they never hear about again, and Miss Worry, almost in tears, is willing to let the only pudding she kept for a year, on the advice of experts, has gone green.

If she had asked this expert he would have told her that the only puddings that improved with keeping were those mixed with old brandy and made by grandmothers.

At this season I am the worst Mr Worry in the country.

Each November I tell myself I will order Christmas cards and always forget. Then I worry about the people who will send me cards and what a fool they will think I am when the fulfilment is not returned.

Then I tell myself I will write them letters instead. As I hate writing letters this gives me on my mind for three weeks. Then I can't find their addresses, and go half crazy turning out drawers and losing bills that should have been paid.

Reading a correspondence column I see I am supposed to give the birds a happy Christmas.

"This is the time of year to think of others, including birds," writes this worry guru. "Make them Yuletide happy by stringing monkey nuts on a line. The nuts are cheap and plentiful."

So are worms. Fussy Breeches, but I suppose I must drop everything and buy some nuts.

### Cats' Olympics

LOTTIE the Devil Cat is one who never seems to worry about anything. For the last few nights she has been organising what sound like Olympic Games on the flat roof over our dining-room.

When we heard little feet thudding madly round in circles we thought it must be a tom cat's relay race with Lottie as the prize instead of a gold medal.

After that we heard several heavy thumps. Were these wrestling cats throwing each other in the Greco-Roman style, or muscular females, like five-foot Russian Nina, hurling the cat's head instead of the discus? In the middle of the night a large black cat hurtled through the window, breaking a couple of ornaments. He must have been the loser in the heavyweight boxing contest, but, although defeated in the games, he won Lottie's supper, which had just been put down on the kitchen floor.

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## PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

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## This Funny World



## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A COMPLAINT that almost everything one reads is an advertisement for something, reminding me that a good friend advertised the other day an amateur production of Puccini's "Madam Marguerite."

## City notes

**PORRIDGE** quarry shares fell with a third yesterday, and the bulls had to sell chemical shares to meet their loss. The issue of non-capitalism shares in

Tabular Tin, on an eight-for-three basis (the price) had begun to effect the loss on duplicated earnings in the . . . and even to the rising of the ordinary stock, and the demand for a split-share turnaround. The threat to the pure percent return at this, accentuated, and the attempt to trim the face value of convertibility assets is like using a coconut as bait to catch a turtle.

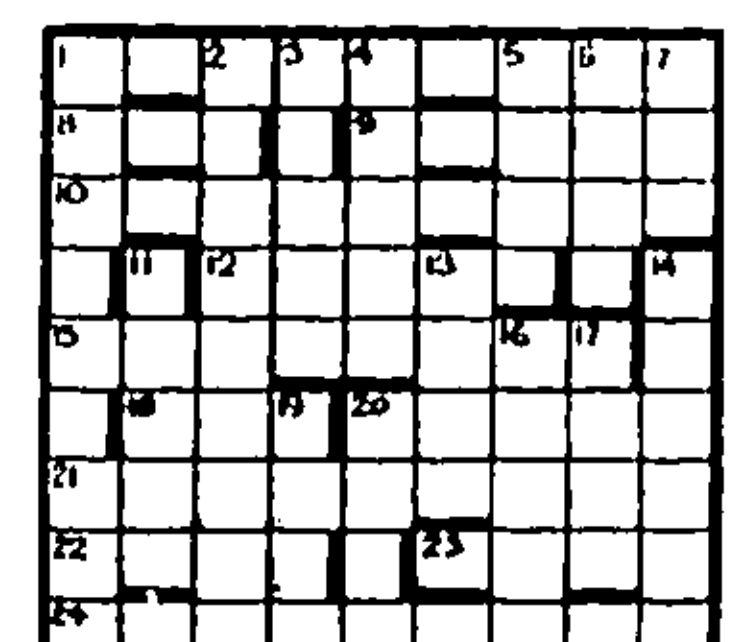
## A question of wigs

**Gooseboote:** We have here the case of a man who had so much hair on his head that it was hard to cover the natural growth with a false growth, or wig. The abandonment of the wig would have revealed the true state of affairs.

**Cuckoo:** It was ever suggested that under this wig, what looked like genuine hair might have been a second wig, so that anyone twirling aside the first wig, and crying, "See, he is not bald," would have been confronted with yet another wig.

**Snapper:** I submit, my friend, that two wigs, plus a natural head of hair, would be rather overdoing things. The poor chap's head would have looked like Epping Forest. Surely no man in his senses would go about with some 26 ewt. of theatrical hair over and above his own.

## CROSSWORD



**NORTH (D) 26**  
 ♦ KQ109  
 ♦ AK10  
 ♦ AK  
 ♦ KJ76

**WEST**  
 ♦ 7342  
 ♦ 83  
 ♦ 743  
 ♦ Q953

**EAST**  
 ♦ AJ803  
 ♦ 763  
 ♦ 98  
 ♦ A104

**SOUTH**  
 ♦ None  
 ♦ KJ942  
 ♦ QJ10052  
 ♦ 82

Neither side vul.  
 North East South West  
 2 N.T. Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
 4 ♦ Pass 0 ♦ Pass  
 6 ♥ Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead—♦ 3

ing to six diamonds. If North had some sort of real diamond suit, this would be the best contract. Otherwise North could correct the contract by going back to hearts.

As it happened, North was not interested in a diamond contract. Hence he look South back to hearts.

There was no problem in the play of the cards. With a spade lead, the slam would have been unbeatable. With the actual club lead, South had to make the correct guess of the jack at the first trick in order to assure his slam.

## CARD Sense

**Q—The bidding has been:**  
 North East South West  
 1 N.T. Pass 1 ♥  
 You, South, hold:  
 ♦ KJ74 ♠ A8653 ♣ 9754  
 What do you do?  
 A—Bid three spades. You intend to reach game at spades or hearts.

**TODAY'S QUESTION.**  
 The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:  
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 What do you do?

## YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . BY STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

BORN today, you have one of those dynamic, active personalities. Your temperament is unusual; you are ambitious, conscientious and demanding from your working associates. You have tremendous nervous energy and can work at long, uninterrupted periods without rest or change. However, you are inclined to be careless with your physical health.

You are, perhaps, a little vain of your personal appearance, but you do realize that making a good first impression is often the first important step in advancing toward your objective. Your emotions are deep and strong; your temper is high. One of the first lessons you may need to learn is control of your temper, for it can become your worst enemy. Once you have mastered yourself, you can become the leader of others.

Original and inventive, you will usually find a new method of approaching an old problem. You have the gift of being able to speak forcefully in public and can sway audiences by the weight of the evidence you present. You probably would do well in law, science and as a convincing crusader. You will stick to your beliefs, despite any kind of opposition. You have the elements of greatness in your nature; provided you make full use of all your potentials. Affectionate and loving among members of your intimate family, you are sometimes considered cool and aloof at first meetings.

Among those born on this date are: Edwin M. Stanton, statesman; Alice Maudslayi, actress; Mary A. Laverne, reformer; Mrs. Dorothea B. Laverne, singer; H. C. Frick, steel magnate; Oliver La Farge, author; George E. Merrill, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

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## WOMANSENSE

## Grandma's Useful Gift Is Filled With Cookies

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WITH a long list of grandchildren, aged six to twelve, and a limited pocketbook, what could a Grandmother give them for Christmas?" I asked the Chef.

"They will like her homemade cookies," he observed.

"Of course, but let's add something more lasting. Let's pack the cookies in a gay plaid lunch bag of insulated glass fibres."

All Measurements Are Level

**Nut-Topped Cookies:** Sift together 4½ c. already-sifted enriched flour, 3 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. nutmeg and 1½ c. sifted powdered sugar. Chop in 1 c. margarine or shortening with a pushy blender until the mixture looks flaky.

Beat 3 eggs until thick. Add 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract, ½ tsp. almond extract (optional) and 1 c. milk. Beat into the first mixture. Stir until smooth.

Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto an oiled large cookie sheet, keeping the cookies 1 in. apart to allow room for spreading. Cover with thin-sliced almond or flaked meats.

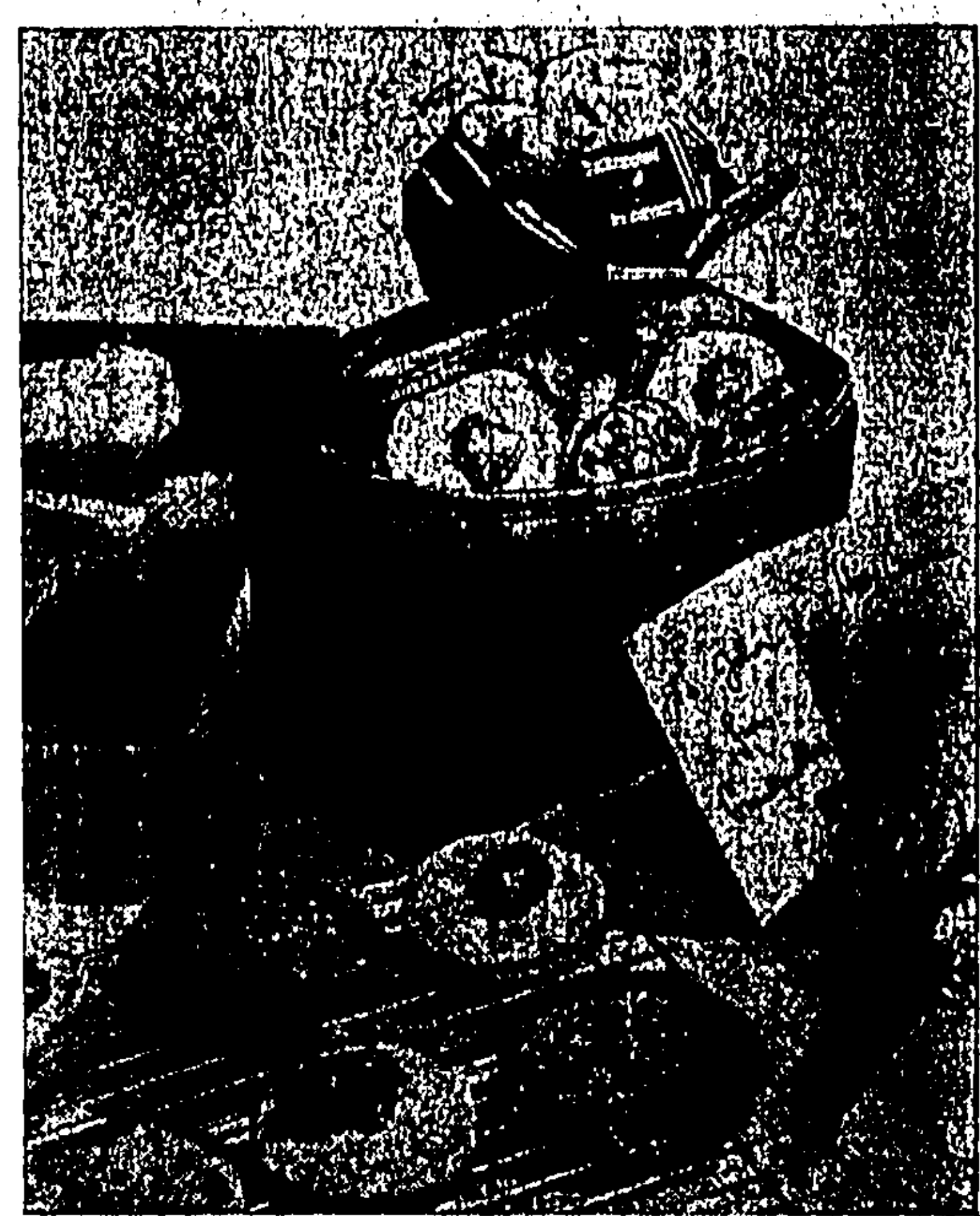
Bake 12 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Makes about 6 doz.

**Turtle Cookies:** Stir 1 c. butter or margarine until creamy. Gradually work in 1 light brown sugar, 2 well-beaten eggs and 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract.

Sift together 3 c. sifted enriched flour, ¾ tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder and 1/3 tsp. salt.

Work into the first mixture. Form into a roll 2 inches diameter. Wrap in waxed paper or foil; chill 4 hrs. or more, or until firm enough to slice a scant ½ in. thick. Transfer to an oiled cookie sheet. Bake 10 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F., or until a delicate brown. Cool.

Thin Sugar Icing: Add ½ tsp. desired flavouring to 2 cups water.



Here's a Christmas gift to delight any schoolchild. The red plaid lunch bag is filled with assorted cookies.

Spread with thin sugar icing; let stand 5 min., then top each cookie with a "turtle." Makes about 6 doz.

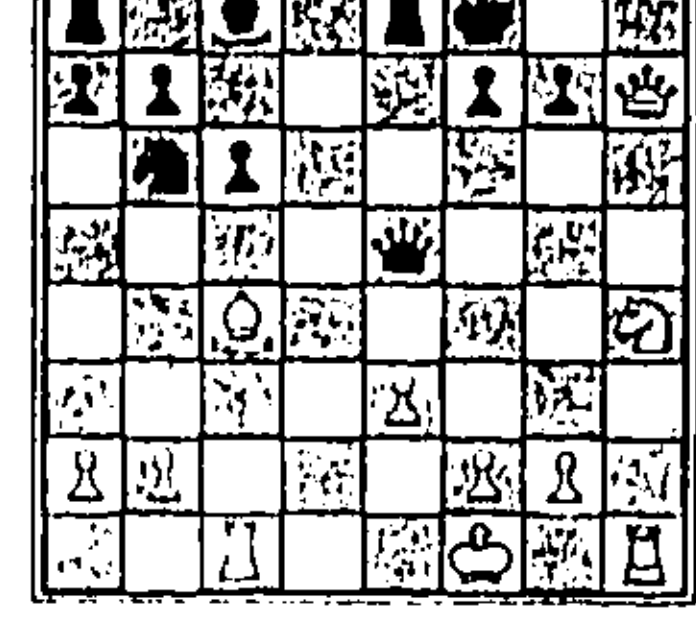
**Turtles:** Add 1 square melted cooking chocolate to half the recipe for thin sugar icing. Apply with a plain pastry tube (and imagination) in the form of a turtle! Or shape turtle from large raisins, sticking in whole cloves for feet and head!

**Dinner**  
 Grapefruit  
 Roast Sparrows Of Pork  
 Stewed Dried Limes  
 Carrots Roasted With Pork  
 Warm Baked Apples  
 Coffee  
 Tea  
 Milk

**Trick of the Chef**  
 Bake roasting sparrows with the juice of 1 lime in ¼ c. hot water.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win.

**Solution to yesterday's problem:**  
 1. Kt-Q3—note the "star-pattern" flights.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Lip-tick and rouge stains on table napkins should be treated before the linen goes to the laundry. A cleaning fluid or rubbing alcohol make good treatments.

Sometimes lipstick stains will come out in the laundering, but first aid treatment is a good precaution to take.

Cotton swabs on thin sticks, originally designed for baby care, have many uses around the house in cleaning and maintenance chores and personal grooming.

Equal parts of table salt and cream of tartar will remove rust stains. Wet the rust spot and spread the mixture on thickly, then put the material in the sun.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Hanid Gets Her Wish

—Merlin Proves He's Really Magnificent—

By MAX TRELL

**KNARF**, the shadow boy with the turned-about name, was just saying to his sister Hanid: "Just look at these specks of dust dancing in the sunshine. Don't you wish you were small enough to be able to ride on them?"

Hanid smiled.

"How can we ever get that small?" she said. "Even Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, with all his magic couldn't—"

**Out Came Merlin**

At that moment, there were footsteps from behind the bookcase. Out came Mr. Merlin. He was dressed in a green corduroy jacket, yellow corduroy trousers, a polka dot tie and a tall, fawn-coloured hat.

"What can't I do?" he asked. He sounded a little stern.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said Hanid. "I only meant that I didn't think you could."

"Didn't think I could what?" asked Merlin.

"Didn't think you could make us small enough to ride on those specks of dust dancing in the sunshine."

Hanid pointed to them.

Mr. Merlin looked. Mr. Merlin said: "Pooh!"

**Strange Thing**

No sooner did he say Pooh than an extraordinary thing happened. Hanid felt herself getting smaller and smaller and smaller and smaller and even smaller than that. Finally, she vanished altogether.

"She's gone!" Knarf shouted in dismay.

"Tut," said Mr. Merlin. "She hasn't gone anywhere. She's still here. She just can't be seen. She didn't think I could make her small enough to ride on a speck of dust. I've shown her that I could."

Knarf waited for a moment. Then he said: "I don't think

you could make me that small, Mr. Merlin."

"Pooh!" said Mr. Merlin.

The next second Knarf was as small as Hanid.

**Like Thunder**

Then they heard another loud "Pooh!" (It sounded like thunder and the roaring of winds) . . . and there beside them stood Mr. Merlin. He had also made himself small.

It was amazing how wonderful and different everything looked now that Knarf and Hanid were so small. The carpet was like a thick forest. The chair was like four enormous tree trunks stretching up to the sky. The ceiling was so far away it looked like mist in the distance.

And there, floating in the sunshine, at the window, were dozens of strange-looking objects.

Some were shaped like saucers. Some were long and curly.

Some of them looked like boxes, some like long sticks, some like big kites.

"All aboard!" shouted Mr. Merlin as he reached up and grabbed a saucer-shaped object.

Hanid sat herself on it and away she went, floating in the sunshine.



Hanid sat on the saucer-shaped object.

## On A Horse

Knarf and Mr. Merlin both sat on curly-shaped objects, sitting astride them as though they were on a horse.

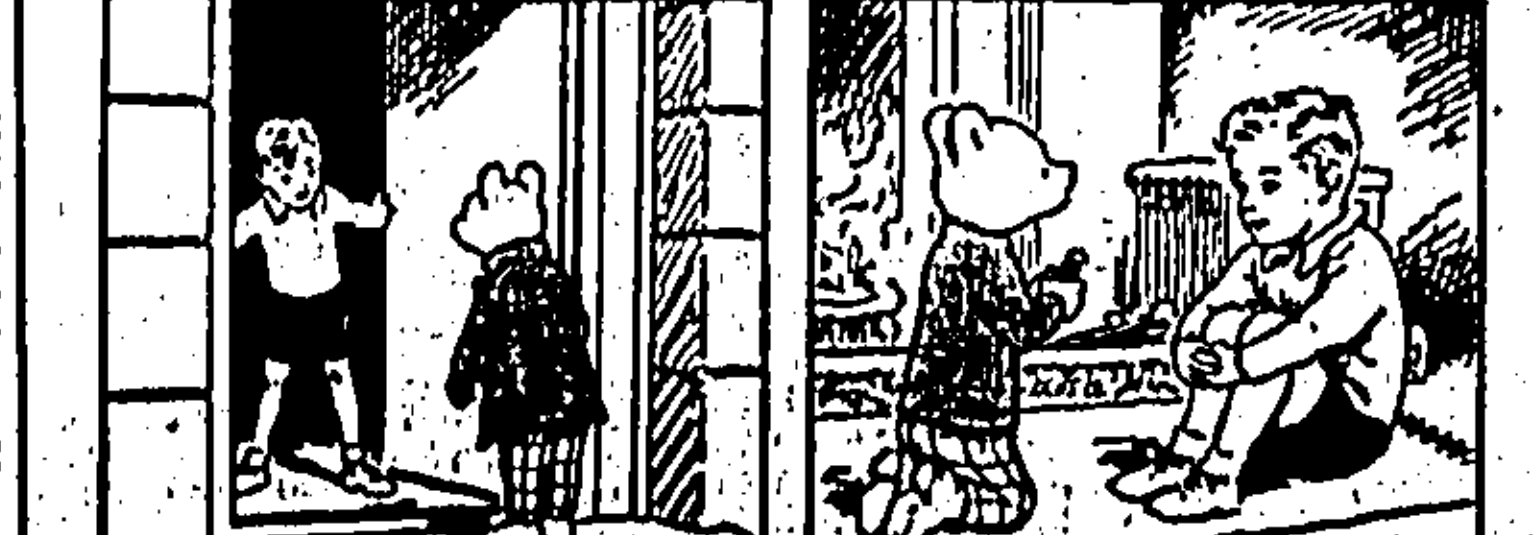
They floated and danced in the air, turning, twisting, spinning, falling and rising with each breath of breeze that came in at the window.

They were riding the specks of dust.

At last they settled down on the top of the table. It's a good thing that Mr. Merlin changed them back into their proper size again because just then Mother came along with a dust cloth and swished the table top clean.

"Oh, well," said Mr. Merlin as he started behind the bookcase. "It was fun while it lasted. And don't say I can't make you any size I please."

## Rupert and the Old Chimney—10



Rupert has hardly reached the door when it is thrown open by Peter himself. "My, I am glad you've come," says the boy. "Did your letter reach Santa Claus?"

"Yes," Rupert answers. "When they are sent by the firemen, they are sent by the firemen."

"I couldn't being all my presents," says Rupert.

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## Give Something for the HOME

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## SINGAPORE ATTACK



Singapore (dark shirts) on the attack in the hockey match against Afghanistan at the Olympic Games. Singapore won 5-0. — Express Photo.

## SPORTS VIEWPOINT

## Eric Nicholls Discusses The Dithering FA And The Small-Minded League

Britain's long-suffering soccer fans have been smacked in the eye again. For the Dear Old Souls of the Football Association have "emphatically rejected" the sensible proposal to introduce one substitute for one injured player at any time during matches played under knock-out rules or in Home internationals.

Sir Stanley Rous, go-ahead Secretary of the English FA, intimated the change of rule would be favourably considered. Team manager Walter Winterbottom has often described the need for substitutes in games other than in the World Cup.

But the FA Council, as they have so often done in the past, stick to the theory that what was good enough for grandfathers is good enough for them. Obviously, their decision was influenced in no small way by their fear of abuse by team managers. If substitutes were allowed.

But I feel it is an unjustified fear, as well as being an insult to Britain's football managers.

Substitutes will come. They must come. But how long must we wait while the FA dither?

By far the most disturbing factor about the decision is the direct snub it offers to the ordinary man in the street, the chap who pays his money, who is the life-blood of the game.

Mr. Fan goes to Wembley to watch an international. But despite the good money he pays for the privilege, he doesn't seem to matter a hoot in the eyes of the Football Association.

Take the two most recent internationals, England versus Wales and England versus Yugoslavia. In the first, which

was so rightly named the "Ambulance Man's International", Welsh goalkeeper Jack Kelsey was carried off after 10 minutes. Inside-right Mel Charles soon followed, and for a spell Wales had only nine men, including a full-back in goal. England were reduced to ten men later in the game when outside-left Colin Grainger twisted a knee.

But there were no substitutes. Against Yugoslavia, key England inside-forward Johnny Hayes had to go off before half-time. A substitute was allowed because this match was "a friendly".

Which ever way you look at it, the inconsistent policy on the part of the game's rulers. Mr. Fan is entitled to fair value for money. And that means eleven men against eleven.

STILL FUNCTIONING From brick-bat 1 to brick-bat 2. No Hungarian referee who wishes to play for an English club may do so until he has a clearance certificate that can be obtained from the Hungarian FA.

So says FA Council Chairman, Mr. Arthur Drewry, who added that according to FIFA, the Hungarian FA was still functioning.

But a move by the referees' more famous soccer colleagues of Hovved may bring about a change. Hovved, now on tour in Italy, have unanimously decided not to return to Hungary. They are taking their problem to the International Federation, hoping that in view of the exceptional circumstances they will be able to join teams in other countries even if the Hungarian FA should raise objections.

But boo to the English FA for side-stepping so important an issue.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT Before the Christmas spirit sets in and we all become jolly good pals, a word about the Football League's refusal to allow Fleming Nielsen, the Danish right-half, to play for Bury.

Nielsen, a Copenhagen journalist, who played against England at Wolverhampton the other week, wanted to play for Bury as an amateur—all the Danes are amateurs anyway—for three months and to write his soccer notes on the English sporting scene.

But the Football League said no. There is a League bar against players of high calibre from other countries. That's all right and proper where star professionals are concerned.

But really? How small-minded can we get? — (London Express-Service). (COPYRIGHT)

## Hungarian Olympic Boxer Wants To Fight Abroad For Two Years

Vienna, Dec. 18. Hungarian triple Olympic gold medal boxer, Laszlo Papp, said in Budapest today that he was going to turn professional and ask the Hungarian government for a visa to spend two years fighting abroad, the Austria AP news agency reported.

Papp was among the party of Hungarian Olympic athletes who arrived in Budapest by train from Yugoslavia today, back from the Games at Melbourne.

The Hungarian boxer made Olympic boxing history at Melbourne when he won the lightweight title after having triumphed in the same category at Helsinki in 1952 and in the middleweight class in London in 1948.

He said today, as he got off from the train: "I consider that I have done my duty as an amateur and cannot get any further in this category."

He said he had turned down a \$100,000 contract in Melbourne because he wanted to return to his family, his mother, wife and son.

"I am now considering obtaining official permission to leave the country in order to follow a professional career abroad for about two years," he said.

"After that I intend returning to Budapest and finding a job as a trainer," — France-Press.

## A Finney-Matthews Right Wing? We May Yet See It

Says JAMES CONNOLLY

England soccer bosses are seriously considering the most intriguing experiment of post-war international football..... a Tom Finney-Stan Matthews right wing.

The matter was discussed before the team was picked for the Danish match. What a pity they didn't try it out then!

## MCC And Natal In First Drawn Match Of Tour

Durban, Dec. 18.

The MCC, 307 and 150 for seven declared, took the honours of a drawn match against Natal's 208 and 90 for seven here today in the first draw of the tour.

When the MCC declared soon after lunch Natal had two hours fifty minutes to get 249 runs for victory but were fighting an uphill battle from the start.

The MCC almost forced a win but were finally held up by a stubborn eighth wicket pair which remained unbeaten after putting on 35 runs.

In the morning scoring was somewhat slow as the MCC lost three wickets before lunch, adding 70 runs to their overall score of 35 for three.

Peter May was caught after scoring a single but Tony Lock (22) and Colin Cowdrey (32) hit well. Fifteen runs were added in half an hour after lunch.

Soon afterwards May, decorated with inside-out, put on 33, the top scorer of the innings.

Perhaps Natal were lucky that the eighth wicket pair held out because there was doubt whether Goddard, with an injured chin, would be able to bat. He and Peters, with an injured finger, both had substitutes in the field at the end of the MCC innings.

Within a short time of starting their bid Natal were in trouble against the pace of Tyson and Loader, three wickets falling for nine runs. By the time the total reached 25 more men were out and Natal's position was desperate.

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## Swaps Named Horse Of The Year By Sports Writers

Baltimore, Dec. 18. Swaps, son of the British-bred Khaleel, was today named racing's horse of the year in the 21st annual poll conducted by the magazine Turf and Sport Digest.

Holder of five world records, Swaps was picked by 78 of the 140 sports writers and commentators who took part in the poll.

Owned by Rex C. Ellsworth, Swaps (Khaleel-Iron Reward, by the British-bred Beau Pere) was also picked as the best horse among four-year-olds and over.

For that he was awarded 314 points on a basis of 3-2-1 for first, second and third places.

Nashua, by the Irish-bred Nasrullah, was second in the poll and also in the placings of four-year-olds and over, for which he gained 291 points.

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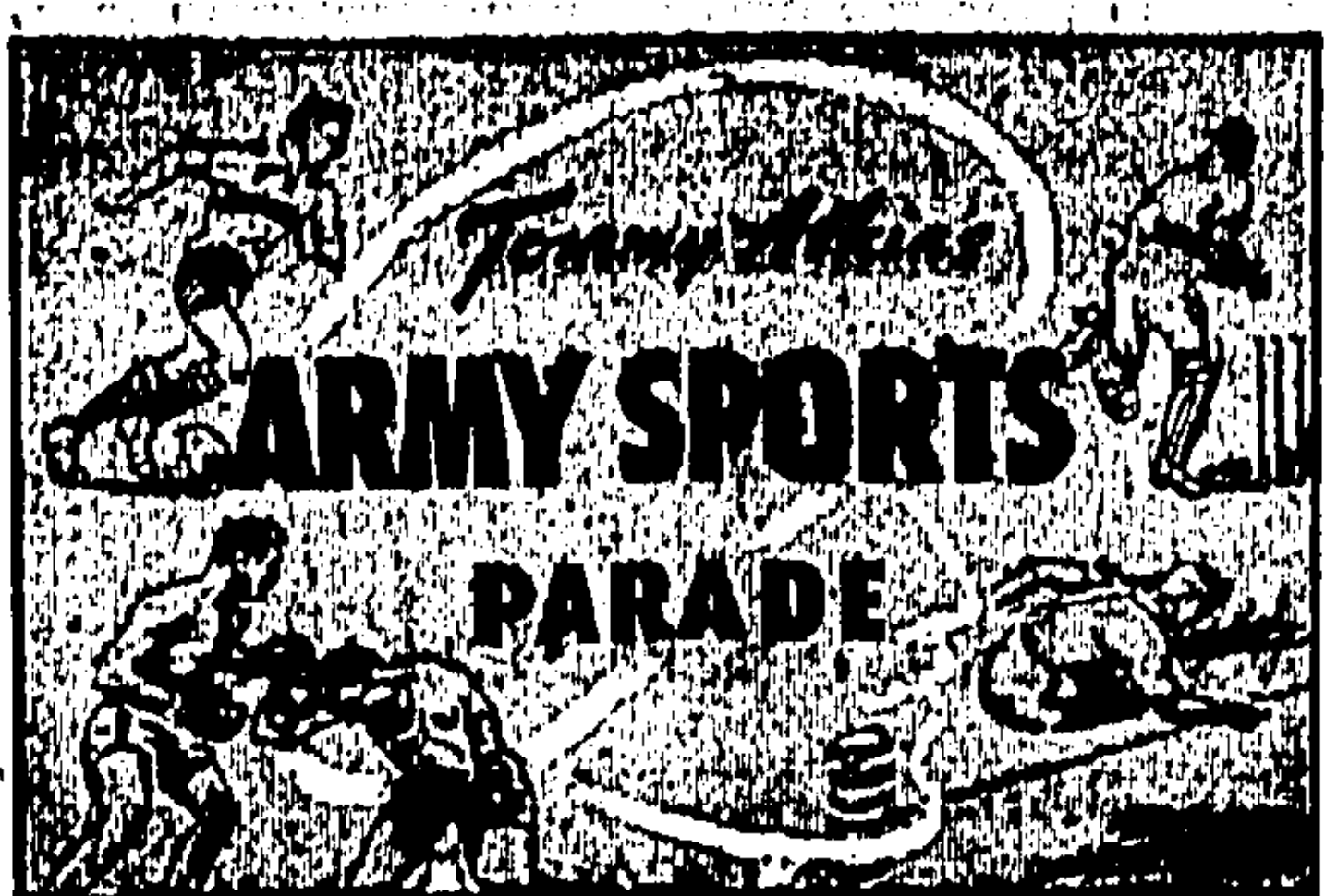
wood and Crook, Cpl. Vickers, Sgt. Aspin, and Pte. Green. Hugh, with Pte. Pettit as twelfth man. Umpire: SSM Barnes.

For those who wonder what the selectors are thinking about in dropping Major Goodall let it be added that he is unable to play on the date.

Departing from custom the HKAAA Open Athletic Meeting to be held at Caroline Hill, on Sunday, December 23, will commence at 10.00 hrs with the usual full track and field meeting. This will give competitors a chance to have lunch and the authorities opportunity to try out their floodlights.

Hockey secretaries are reminded that entries for the Minor Units knockout competition close today. Entries should be addressed to Major A. E. Hulson, Hon. Sec., Army Hockey Association, at a COD. It is hoped to start this off on January 5th.

To all sportsmen, both Ser- and civilian, this column offers you best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous and sportsmanlike New Year.



The spot of honour this week goes to L/Cpl. Bill Smith, 1 Northampton Regt., for tackling a very useful boy in George Johnson of the United States Ship "Essex" over three rounds at the Southern Playground last Friday evening and, showing a spirit of pluck and determination that we admire so much in the Service, gaining a popular and deserved victory over this obviously experienced boxer.

A little of the praise should be reserved for the large party of spectators from his regiment who came all the way from Fanning to cheer him on. Their journey certainly was not wasted and cheer him on they did. I feel sure the local residents wondered what was going on from the noise raised.

It was particularly pleasing to see this unit spirit in sport. Unfortunately it has, over the last few years, almost disappeared and the current one is long overdue. Much encouragement can be given by unit NCOs and it is hoped that the example of the Northamptonians will be followed by other units.

Well, Captain Jim Gillette did it again. His marching in this second monthly meeting of the HKABA gave general satisfaction to all.

Differing from other sports-writers I rated the Smith-Johnson bout, mentioned above, the best of the evening, and probably Smith's toughest contest in the Colony. Both boxed and fought well and each round was full of action. For me the pace was fast and their footwork excellent.

MOMENTS... Cpl. Brian Hancock had had moments during his bout with Cpl. George. Hancock when he wondered whether his proud record of no defeats in the Army was not in danger.

The Corporal put up a determined resistance and by fast and clever boxing brought out the best in the FAIRFEL Champion.

Brian was not as fit as he might be and in the closing stages his opponent frequently beat him to the punch.

Hancock, however, stopped a Hancock special in the middle of the third round and took eight to work things out, and from this stage Brian took over and, I felt, just earned the decision of the judges in his favour.

The Henry Wong-Cpl. Burke bout did not come up to expectations. Boxing was forgotten and the prime object of each seemed to be to hit the other as hard as possible. Several times I saw so many vicious swings miss their mark. Both were trying by the third, although Burke appeared to be much the fitter. My note at the end read: "Another round and Burke would have won."

The judges felt otherwise, however, and gave the decision to the soldier.

A southpaw, the REME boy has a nice boxing style and will be around when the Army lightweight finals come off.

A hurricane blowing over the Stadium descended when the first round sounded in the Speedy Morales-Pie. Scott affair. Thank heavens the seconds had removed the stools. These two bantams got very mixed up, and while science was conspicuously absent, action with a capital "A" was the order of things. Speedy wasn't by the end of the third round, but there was little doubt of his superiority and he received the verdict.

A HANDFUL Corporal Rogers gave six pounds to Seaman Melvin Carter, USN, and found he had picked himself more than a handful. The American was the most difficult to pin down. His crouching style, whilst not pleasing to watch, was most effective and I strongly suspect that some of his hitting was with the open glove. He was, however, too good for the soldier and after three very good rounds he was declared the winner.

The Artillery were in a hurry to get home and L/Bdr. Dickenson and Gnr. McMenami very rapidly polished off SAC Davall and Sqr. Hart, while Pte. Mann after the record for the quickest knockout, took only 40 seconds to erase the former India-rubber man, Gnr. Greenham.

A CERTAINTY??? Is there such a thing as a certainty in football? It seemed the Army thought so and for their game against Club on Saturday experienced rather drastically with the team.

That the experiment failed was confirmed by the surprised result and Club had full value for this 8-0 victory, and in fact led Army on two occasions.

Forward, the new 11th line of Henderson, Hurre and Humphries never checked and the old brigade of Martin and Bennett constituted the main danger to the home side, although Hurre, Bennett and Humphries have played well, particularly Hurre who had more

than a handful to cope with in Club's centre-forward, Gardner, and Fowler's goal in the opening minute was a fine effort. Swan at right half was steady and later, when he moved to centre-forward, he was always looking for an opening.

Hogan, skipping the side, did more than his share to get the side moving and scored a very nice goal as evidence of this. His partner, Hallstone, suffered by comparison and was not very consistent. Allen at goal did well with what little he was called upon to do and could not be faulted for any of the goals.

The Army 2nd XI had earlier disposed of a very weak Club reserve side by 4-0.

What both Army sides need is encouragement. A scant handful of multi-spectators hardly enticed them to do well and football officers could do much to help by publicising the games and using their persuasive powers to get their men to attend, particularly so where the unit has a player in either side.

There is a wealth of talent and good football in the players at the disposal of the Army and a few hundred vociferous supporters (as opposed to spectators) armed with a few rattles would see more games won than the Army have at present in a much better place in the League. Go to it, units, and let's have the Army in their right position—on TOP.

In the Major Units League the 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE, consisting of seven Army teams, would not be premature to congratulate them as with only one more game to be played they hold a lead of three points. Well done, Sappers!

Similarly the 26 Field Dressing Station, RAMC, after a terrific exciting game with their nearest rivals, 11 Inf. Workshops, emerged victors by three goals to nil to make sure of winning the NT section of the Minor Units League. At a later date they will meet the winners of the other two zones, and on recent form they look like being Command Workshops from Kowloon, and 137 Battery RA or 56 Coy. RASC from the Island.

ODD BITS... Sports fans, particularly those of his old unit, 173 Locating Battery, RA, may be interested to know that that very popular middle distance runner, 2/Lieut. Peter Bourman, RA, who left the Colony earlier in the year, was placed second in the Mile at the inter-Varsity freshmen sports between Oxford and Cambridge held recently.

Football referees are reminded that on Thursday, December 20, at NAAFI Club the usual meeting will be held, followed by a social evening at which your ladies are cordially invited. A large gathering is expected.

In the Rugby Football Army Cup the semi-final stage has been reached and 7 Hussars do battle with the holders, 74 LAA Regt. RA, and 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE oppose 27 HAA Regt. RA. Both games are very open and, and predicting the winners is no easy matter.

On the principle that these trophies are meant to go round, I will plump for the Cavalry to charge over the Gunners, and to keep the Gunners happy allow 27 HAA Regt. to make the final, but had better wear all, however that I am a shocking forecaster and usually over-committing myself by declaring "May the best team win!"

NO MORE GUNNERS At cricket the Gurkhas replied to the 74 LAA Regt's total of 182 with 133 for five and in doing so disposed of the last Gunner team in the knockout tournament.

It is hoped to run a plate competition as consolation to those units who have been removed so early from the fray, and details will be given at an early date.

On Boxing Day the Army tackle the HK Cricket Club in a triangular match at the Chater Road Ground. The Army will be Major Fraser-Slake, Howard-Bodden, and Williams. Captains Bodden and Taylor. Lions: Green, Hurre.

## THE GAMBOLS



## BARRY APPAL



## GOLDEN CHURN



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## IOC MEMBER SAYS

## Bad Roads Should Not Bar Tokyo From Staging The Olympic Games

Tokyo, Dec. 18. Bad roads should not bar Tokyo from staging the Olympic Games, a leading member of the International Olympic Committee said on Monday night before leaving Japan.

Mr. Eric von Frenckell, IOC member who was Chairman of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Organising Committee, said rejection of any city's application for the Games purely because of its poor roads would run counter to the Olympic spirit.

He said an earnest desire of the people concerned to organize the Games was "more important" than roads. The Finnish sports leader, who arrived last Thursday from Melbourne, departed by plane on Monday night for Hongkong. He will visit Peking and Moscow en route to Helsinki. He spent the past four days inspecting sports facilities in Tokyo.

He expressed satisfaction at the plans for enlargement of the present facilities at the Meiji Shrine ground and pledged his support to bring the Games to Tokyo in 1964.

**AN INVESTMENT**

"Staging of the Olympic Games will cost a large sum of

money," said Mr. Frenckell. "But it should be regarded as an investment for public welfare. The Olympic Village can be turned into homes. Even if a large fleet of buses is purchased for Olympic use, these could be diverted into public use. Enlargement and improvement to the stadiums and sports facilities will not be a waste for they will redound to better health."

"I see no reason why the government or Tokyo municipality should be reluctant to provide funds for preparation of facilities to stage the Olympic Games," said Mr. Frenckell.

United Press.

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Madison  
Men's "C" Division Doubles: JRC v St. Stephen's; Chung Cheong v Police Reserve; Tai Shun v KCC.  
Soccer  
Eastern v South China (CHI) 8 p.m.  
Inter-School soccer: Juniors League, 4 p.m.  
Young and Old CCC, RAF v KIRC.

**TOMORROW**  
Madison  
Men's "C" Division: LRC v Talkoo.  
**FRIDAY**  
Athletics  
Queen Elizabeth School Annual Athletics Meeting at Caroline Hill 4 p.m.

## Hungarian Ace Joins Italian Soccer Club

Rome, Dec. 18. The Roma AS Football Club has signed up Hungarian football ace, Zoltan Czibor, on a 70,000,000 lira (\$10,000) contract, it was learned here today. The 28-year-old left-winger has agreed to return to Rome to join up with the Italian club at the end of his tour with the Hungarian Honved team.

But Czibor will be unable to play with Roma AS for another year if he is disqualified by the Hungarian Football Federation and the FIFA refuses to give him permission to play. — France-Press.

HE'LL FIGHT ANY MAN IN THE WORLD  
Bobby Neill... The Boxer  
Who's Indestructible

By SYDNEY HULLS

## PORTRAIT OF THE NEXT CHAMPION

Bobby Neill, black-haired Champion of Scotland and inevitably the next Featherweight Champion of Great Britain, too, is ready and eager now to fight any man in the world at 9st.

Neill, brown-eyed, 5ft. 6½ins. tall and weighing just 9st. 1½lb. as he walks to and from his accountant's job, told me so as we sat in his office just off London's busy Tottenham Court Road.

This was no big-headed boast. This was no beer-house challenge of the up-turned glass on a frothy counter to the accompaniment of John L. Sullivan's legendary threat: "I can beat any man in the house."

Neill says: "I feel so strong at nine stone I am confident I can give any man in the world a good fight at that weight."

"With only 15 professional fights under my belt I can't promise to beat everybody, but I'm willing to try, and I certainly won't go in the ring thinking I'm going to be beaten."

## BOXING REVOLUTION

This is **BOBBY NEILL**, second son of 59-year-old Andrew Neill, who runs a one-man duplicating business in Edinburgh, and his wife Sadie.

**BOBBY NEILL**, whose elder brother, 25-year-old Frank, lives with him in a Maida Hill house in West London and accompanies the champion to all his fights.

**BOBBY NEILL**, whose younger brother Andrew, 19, has been an amateur boxer and this year came within one stroke of representing Scotland in an international match as an amateur golfer.

**BOBBY NEILL**, whose sisters, Myra, 17, and Marcella, five, treat him with the affectionate contempt all sisters have for their brothers.

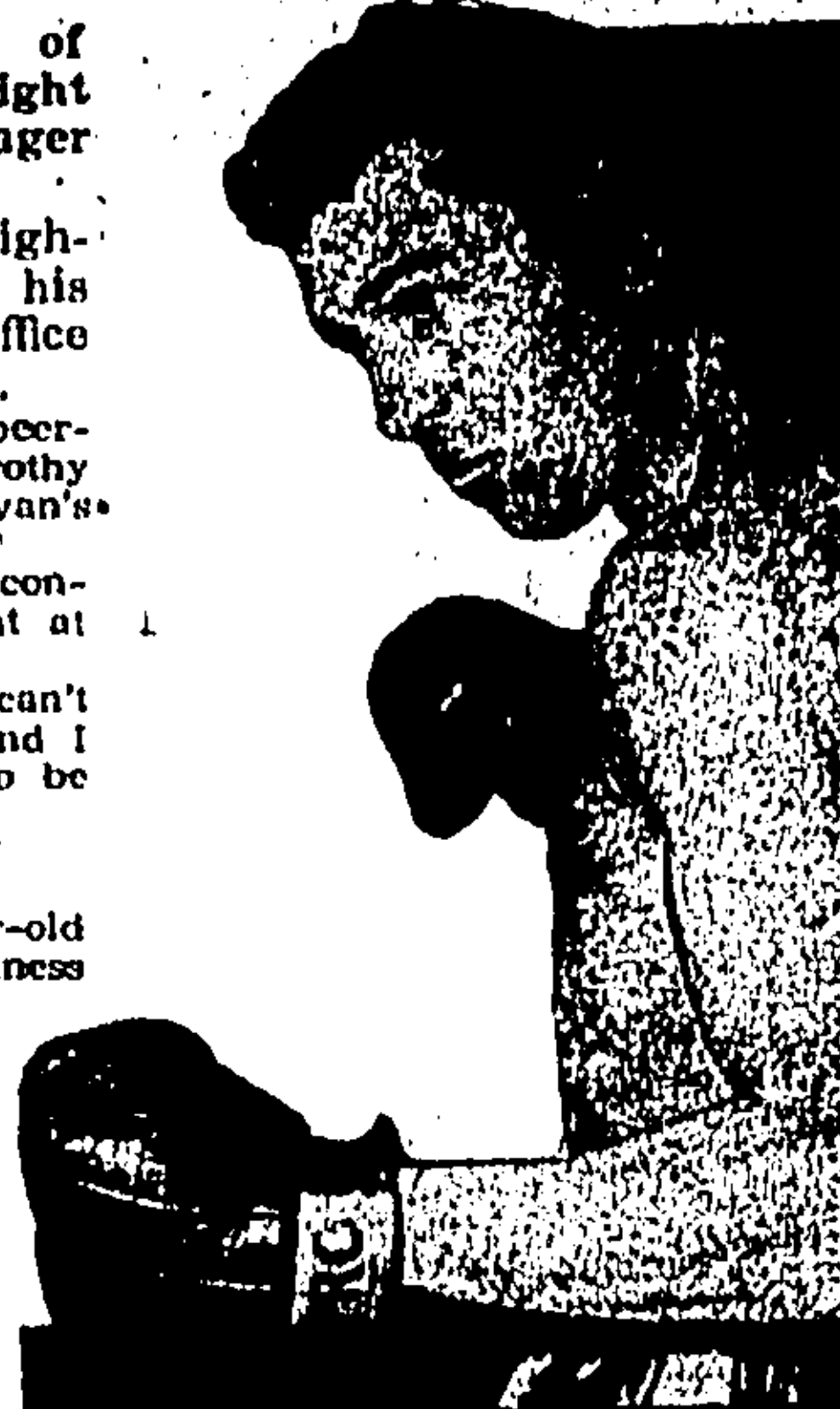
"And hooking is the way to fight today," he continues. "I've studied the style of all the champions and that is the most successful method."

"That is another reason why the straight left is outmoded. After a straight left you are still too often out of range to follow through."

"Notice the way the masters like Archie Moore and Kid Gavilan fight. They are always within range however the match is going."

"They bob and weave to avoid punches and stay within hitting distance all the time. That is the line I am taking—and you must admit it's not doing too badly to date."

The two great men whose careers Neill has followed more closely than any other fighters are Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, respectively the former featherweight champion and the current titleholder.



Bobby Neill... pride of Scotland.

## Too Much Football For The Babes?

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Those eager young "Babes" of Manchester United are in the middle of the toughest, most nerve-tugging season any club have had to face in soccer history. As champions they are fair game for all the other League clubs. They have to fit in two-leg European Cup-ties—and they fancy their chances in the FA Cup.

Are they getting too much football? I say no. Young players cannot get too much of the ball. It sharpens them, gives them the edge and keenness that makes champions.

Australia's  
Rugger Team To  
Meet France

Paris, Dec. 18.

Australia's team to meet France in the second Rugby League Test, to be played at Bordeaux next Sunday, was announced here tonight as follows:

G. Clifford (New South Wales); D. Flannery (Queensland); A. Watson (Queensland); R. Poole (New South Wales); D. Adams (New South Wales); R. Banks (Queensland); K. Holman (New South Wales); I. Doyle (New South Wales); N. Provan (New South Wales); K. O'Shea (New South Wales); R. Bull (New South Wales); K. Kearney (New South Wales); captain, and B. Orrock (New South Wales).

The Australians arrived in Paris tonight, after a six-hour coach journey from Dunkirk. They face another 300 miles journey to Limoges tomorrow, ready to meet the French Army on Thursday before returning to Bordeaux for the Test.

The Australians interrupted their British tour to play the First Test last month and won by 15-8.—China Mail Special.

REFEREES'  
MEETING

All members are reminded that the December meeting of the Army FA (Hongkong) Referees' Association will be held at 10.15 a.m. on December 29, at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Matt Busby's European Cup bid was not looked on with favour by the League bosses, but I think he will be proved right in the end.

His young players are meeting the world's best footballers and the world's best teams—in competitive, not exhibition games.

Whether we win or lose doesn't matter," Matt Busby told me. "What does count is the vast experience being gained by our players."

**A TOUGH SEASON**

A tough season, but the Old Trafford boys are showing that they can take it. They turn up fit and eager for every match—a tribute to their keen training and expert coaching.

Make no mistake about it, Manchester United are doing a noble job for British football.

They have shown Europe that we can breed good footballers. Their own reputation—and that of Britain—has been enhanced by reaching the quarter-finals.

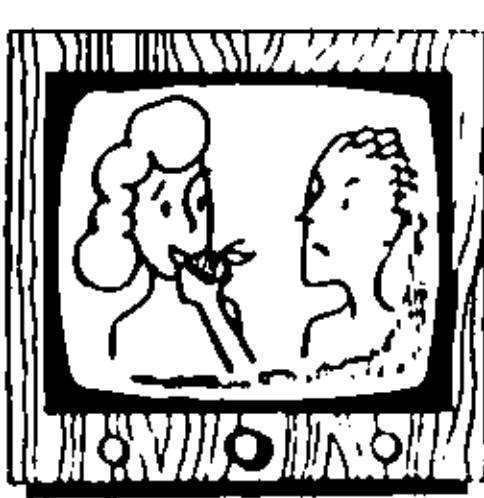
Many Continental experts already quote United as favourites to win the trophy.

The winners automatically go into next year's competition, whether or not they qualify as national champions. They also have the right to stage the next final in their own country.

This year's final will be staged in Madrid some time in June. Manchester United have to meet the winners of the Honved-Bilbao match.

The European Cup can also be a financial success. Clubs take their own gates in all games to the final. More than 118,000 saw the two games in Manchester against Anderlecht and Borussia, and United could clear the best part of £25,000 if they reach the final.

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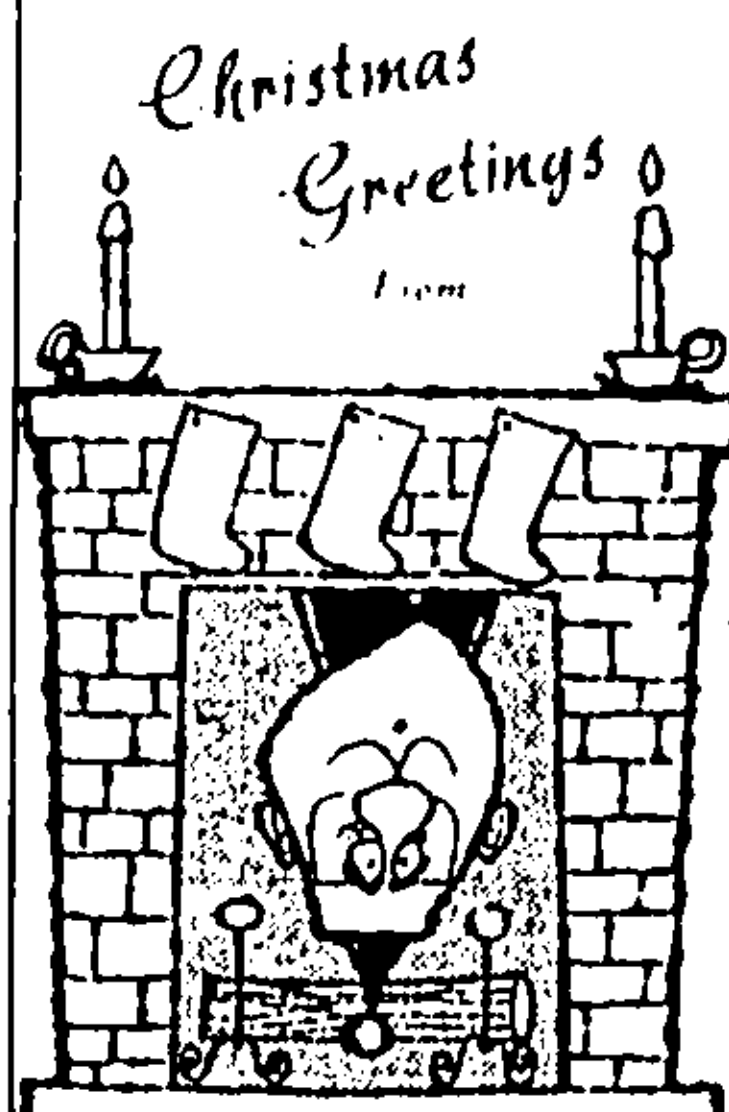


## NAMESAKES

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1. Grievance  
2. Strong man  
3. Deceiver  
4. Old Nick  
5. At Westminster  
6. Lost or regained  
7. Of a bat or a mole  
8. Birth  
9. The King's supporters  
10. Found again

Solution on Page 9

CATHAY  
PACIFIC

## The Dairy Farm

## Christmas Fare

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

PRIME OVEN-READY  
AMERICAN & AUSTRALIAN  
TURKEYS... ONLY \$4.80 A LB.  
CORNED AUSTRALIAN  
OX TONGUES  
STILTON LOAVES  
"BIG SISTER"  
FRUIT CAKE  
SPICE ISLANDS'  
GIFT BOXES

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TENDER  
LONG ISLAND DUCKLINGS  
THE DAIRY FARM  
PORK LEGS  
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CORONZOLA CHEESE  
PEEK FREAN'S BISCUITS  
THE DAIRY FARM  
FRESH & BLUE SEAL  
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GIFT BOXES OF  
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NEARLY 50 VARIETIES

## The Dairy Farm

will be open for Christmas Shoppers  
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Saturday Dec. 16th ..... Open until 5 p.m.  
Sunday Dec. 17th ..... Usual Hours.  
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Inclusive ..... Usual Hours.  
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Continental Demand For UK

Gold  
SOVIET BELIEVED  
HOLDING FOR  
BETTER PRICE

By SIDNEY CAMPBELL

London, Dec. 18.

There has lately been some Continental demand for London gold coming from or through Switzerland. It has steadied the dollar equivalent to rather over 34.88.

The Swiss demand is modest but it clearly signifies that the present Russian offer of gold in Switzerland are not big enough to fill the whole market. They appear to be stable but are not being pressed, and the Russian sellers are holding for something better than the present London price.

These resumed Russian sales of gold in Switzerland against transferable sterling the first such sales for several months were first noticed around November 26. In the first half of that week they were valued at about £1 million worth. They contributed to a run-up in transferable sterling at a time when other types of sterling and markets generally were still under severe pressure.

## Continuing

Some of the demand for transferable sterling (Swiss purchase of it to pay for Russian gold) obviate the need for the British authorities to support it; thus came into last month. But it extends into this month as the Russian offers of gold are continuing and have been noticed again recently.

Their total to date may be roughly £4 to £7 million, with some more still offered though not pressed. The recent jump of 65 million Swiss francs (rather over £5 million) in the Swiss National Bank's gold stock is only a rough guide since, on the other hand, part of that gold came from other central banks, not from the Russian offers.

EXCHANGE  
CONTROLS  
RELAXED

Frankfurt, Dec. 18.

The Bank Deutscher Laender has further relaxed West German exchange controls on foreign exchange holdings acquired outside current foreign trade. Holdings affected are primarily those originating from inheritances, gifts and property abroad.

The new regulations provide that accounts abroad, foreign securities, interests in foreign enterprises, real estate and uncollected gold must be declared. Other foreign exchange holdings acquired outside regular business transactions such as foreign notes and coins and claims against foreigners need no longer be declared, however.

Foreign exchange holdings valued at less than 1,000 Marks need not be declared at all. The previous regulation that foreign exchange acquired by individuals or companies in West Germany had to be offered to the Central Bank for exchange into Deutsche Marks has been lifted.—China Mail Special.

## NY Coffee Futures.

New York, Dec. 18.

Santos "B" coffee futures today closed 10 points lower to 40 points higher with sales of 117 contracts.

The "M" contract closed one to 50 points lower with sales of 98 contracts.

Spot Santos 4s moved up 1/5 cent to 64 cents, Santos "B" closed in cents per lb. as follows:

Dec.	63.00
Mar.	63.50
May	63.75
July	63.50
Sept.	63.25
Dec.	63.00

—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Quotation was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per 100) 151.10, Sterling note (per 100) 151.10, Canadian dollar (per 100) 151.10, Australian dollar (per 100) 151.10, New Zealand dollar (per 100) 151.10, Hong Kong dollar (per 100) 151.10, Singapore dollar (per 100) 151.10.

## LOAN FOR INDIA

Washington, Dec. 18. The World Bank had decided to make a \$20,000,000 loan to the Indian Iron and Steel Company, reliable sources stated here tonight.

The loan is intended to enable the company to carry out a big expansion programme these sources said.—France-Press.

WORLD  
RUBBER  
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 18.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed unchanged with sales of two contracts.

The contract closed 35 to 40 points lower with sales of 114 contracts.

January 36.75-75, March 36.50-50, May 36.25-25, July 36.00-00, September 35.75-75, November 35.50-50, January 35.25-25.

Standard contract closed unchanged at 40 point lower with 12 sales reported.

December 36.40, March 36.50, May 36.25, July 36.00, September 35.75, November 35.50, January 35.25.

Biggest part of the terminal market activity centered in between-water switching operations, and exchanges of March for physical rubber. Covering operations after the December No. 1, but the rest of the market was lower in company with London's decline and re-

fracting the continued pause in domestic factory buying interest. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted nominally at 36 1/2 cent a pound.

In the shipment market, January one sheets at 36 cents a pound with buyers ideas 1/4 cent under. Thailand offered "fair" quantities of three sheets at 35 1/2 cents, four at 34 1/2 cents and five at 33 cents a pound, and one.

The market opened below last night's level on disappointing overseas advices and it sagged further on lack of interest. Lower grades were neglected and with only sporadic buying.

Future closings were: No. 1 rubber per lb. 110 1/2-111 1/2, No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 109 1/2-110 1/2, No. 3 rubber per lb. Jan. 108 1/2-109 1/2, No. 4 rubber per lb. Jan. 107 1/2-108 1/2, Spot rubber unquoted, Rubber crepe 113-113 1/2.

The market was easy with spot quoted at 31 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

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